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## CANTON MILITARY SITUATION.

### RETURN OF LI CHAI-SUM EXPECTED.

### "IRONSIDES" AT A NUMERICAL DISADVANTAGE.

### LITTLE FIGHTING FEARED.

Now that the city of Canton has quietened down, more attention is being given to the possibility of the City being re-taken by the forces of General Li Chai-sum which were dispossessed by the forces of General Chang Fat-kwai some time ago.

There is every indication that Li Chai-sum's forces, which are numerically superior to those of the "Ironsides," will again be in control of the city, and in the opinion of well-informed Chinese circles it is not thought that there will be any serious fighting, inasmuch as the "Ironsides" know that they are almost sure to be beaten.

Regarding the attitude of General Li Fuk-lum and General Hsieh Yo, the two military commanders now in charge at Canton, it is said that they are "neutral" as between the Ironsides and General Li Chai-sum's forces and that they are prepared loyally to co-operate with whoever gains control.

Canton merchants in Shanghai have sent a telegram to General Li Fuk-lum asking him to take drastic action against certain well-known "Red" leaders.

### LI FUK-LUM REMAINS "NEUTRAL."

The latest political and military developments in Canton and on the three principal rivers of Kwangtung tend to show that the present "Leftist" Government in Canton has indicated its willingness to join hands with the Kuomintang "Rightists," headed by General Li Chai-sum, whose deputy (General Wang Shao-hung) was deposed by the "Ironsides" a few weeks ago.

That there will, in consequence, be no more fighting on a big scale in Canton and vicinity, is the popular report of the vernacular papers. Though some "Reds" are said to be still at large inside the city, it is very unlikely that they will dare to make another attempt. With no one to direct and lead them, the "Reds" will be able to do but little.

On the other hand, the "Ironsides," after the recent insurrection, have lost their reputation among the people. Most of the "Ironsides" leaders, have left Canton, which tend to show that they have no intention of fighting the Kwangsi troops of Li Chai-sum on the West and East Rivers. These Kwangsi armies are indisputably the largest in the province, there being thousands of men at Wuchow, on the West River and almost an equal force at Swatow.

### The Two "Neutrals."

In our report of yesterday it was predicted that General Li Fuk-lum and General Hsieh Yo, the two military leaders whose troops are ruling Honan and Canton respectively, are neutrals who would be willing to join any one whose army would be strong enough to make its way back to Canton. The above statement has been confirmed by the arrival of news from Canton last night which declared that both Generals Hsieh Yo and Li Fuk-lum have unofficially announced their neutrality, and have brought much ruin and Chai-sum, despite the fact that they are suffering to Canton and the Cantonese people.

### TO ATTACK CANTON.

General Leaves for Hankow.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

In connexion, it is believed, with the projected attack against Canton via Huanan, General Pei Chung-hsi, the Commissioner for Woosung and Shanghai Defence, has embarked for Hankow. Large numbers of his troops have gone aboard transports with the same object, and only a few are left in the Chinese native city to deal with any situation which may arise.

General Pei Chung-hsi, it is also reported, has tendered his resignation as the Shanghai Defence Commissioner, but, as far as can be ascertained, it has not been accepted. So far, at any rate, no "Red" ruffianism. In co-operating successor has been appointed. In with Gen. Chan Chai-tong will be a

## "IRENE" PIRATES EXECUTED.

### FOUR MEN HANGED THIS MORNING.

### THREE MORE TO-MORROW.

Four of the seven Bias Bay pirates who were condemned to death at last month's Criminal Sessions for piracy on the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Irene, while on a voyage between Shanghai and Amoy, have paid the extreme penalty for their crime.

At dawn this morning, the first two of the condemned men, Lau Hing and Lai Kwong, were taken out of the cell which they jointly occupied in Victoria Gaol, and, in the presence of the Prison officials, they were simultaneously hanged on the same platform.

Half-an-hour later, at 5 o'clock, the second batch, comprising the other two of the four men to be put to death in one morning, were also hurried to the execution yard, from a second cell, and sentence of death was carried out. The names of these two were Wong Tim and Hung Kwan.

The usual enquiry, held as a matter of formality in connexion with executions, took place before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this afternoon.

The executions were carried out without a hitch, Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of the Gaol, stated to a Telegraph reporter.

The seven pirates including the four who have just been executed, were kept in different cells set aside for condemned men. Two men were lodged in each cell, being under constant guard day and night. There had been no extraordinary measures other than the very careful guard maintained over the men in such circumstances.

Religious needs were placed within the reach of the condemned men, the chaplain being allowed access to the cells if the prisoners so desired it. The four men executed this morning went to the scaffold quite quietly.

It is learned that the remaining three pirates will be executed at about the same time to-morrow morning.

A short resume of the case is interesting at this concluding stage in its history. On October 18th, the China Merchants' steamer Irene, while proceeding to Amoy from Shanghai, was captured by pirates, who had boarded her as passengers, and taken to Bias Bay. Here the pirates encountered H. M. submarine L4, which opened fire. One of the shells exploded in the engine room and set the Irene on fire. Passengers as well as pirates then jumped overboard, and from amongst those rescued seven men were picked out and identified as having been implicated in the piracy.

Defending counsel at the ensuing trial at the Supreme Court, made an unsuccessful submission that owing to certain geographical limitations, the prisoners could not be brought within the jurisdiction of this Colony. On November 23rd, a verdict of "Guilty" against all the seven men was returned by the jury, and sentence of death was accordingly passed by the Chief Justice Sir Henry Gollan.

## GERMAN STEEL DISPUTE.

### ARBITRATOR'S DECISION BINDING.

Berlin, Dec. 20.

The efforts of both parties to the iron and steel dispute to set aside the Arbitrator's decision have failed, as the Minister of Labour has declared that the decision is binding on both parties.—Reuter.

## FEWER UNEMPLOYED.

### IMPROVING BRITISH FIGURES.

London, Dec. 20.

The Ministry of Labour announces that on 12th December the number of unemployed was 1,125,200.

This was 24,448 less than the week before and 285,178 less than the year before.—British Wireless.

## WATER SUPPLY.

### THE NEW ABERDEEN SCHEME.

### COST OVER \$2,600,000.

The Government has, to-day, issued as a Sessional Paper, a report by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackson, the Director of Public Works, on the scheme for developing the Aberdeen Valley catchment area, and the construction of a new reservoir there in connexion with the improvement of the Colony's Water supply.

The report states:—

In August 1926 Mr. R. M. Henderson, Engineer-in-charge of Water-works, submitted a complete report with plans and estimates for two alternative schemes for the partial and complete development of the Aberdeen Valley respectively.

After further consideration it was decided that the proposal for this complete development of the catchment area, would prove the more satisfactory scheme and extracts from the report are annexed. The scheme consists of the development of the whole of the Aberdeen Valley and the catchment of the areas to the East as far as Wongneichong Gap and to the West as far as Mt. Kellett Bay.

### New Reservoir.

It will be necessary to construct a reservoir in the Aberdeen Valley immediately above the existing reservoir, and the existing Paper Mills Dam will require reconstruction to meet the new conditions.

Pipe lines will be necessary from both reservoirs to Aberdeen where they will join and a common pipe will run from there to Elliot Filter Beds by way of Island Road, Victoria Road, and Pokfulam Road.

To deal with the increased supply, Elliot Filter Beds will require to be extended and new beds will be constructed at Pokfulam Road near the University Recreation Ground, the latter beds discharging into the Kennedy Town tank.

### Pumping Station.

A Pumping Station will be required at Sandy Bay to deal with the lower reservoir water and a portion of the higher reservoir, but the larger portion of the water can be delivered by gravity.

Small alterations will be necessary at Pokfulam Reservoir which will be linked up to the main supply pipe by a subsidiary pipe, allowing a larger draw-off than is at present possible.

The scheme gives a very flexible system which will prove a great relief to the Western districts of the City which at present are the first to be restricted and, if need be, water can be passed as far East as Albany by means of the existing Albany-Elliot Unfiltered Water Mains, the flow in the pipe being reversed.

### The Cost.

The scheme as originally designed was estimated to give a supply of 2.12 million gallons per day at a cost of \$2,605,000 and to take approximately three years to complete but as a result of recent inspection of the area an amended estimate of \$2,627,000 (including re-estimation) is put forward as the cost of this scheme.

Investigations have been made on the site of the proposed Dam foundations in the Aberdeen Valley immediately above the existing reservoir by trial pits and prickings and it has been ascertained that the scheme for the complete development of the Aberdeen Valley as set forth in Mr. Henderson's report dated 6.8.1926 is feasible.

Some modification in detail will be necessary but the general scheme as originally proposed will remain practically unaltered.

### Engineer's Report.

In an Annex to given lengthy extracts from the report of Mr. R. M. Henderson, the Engineer-in-Charge of Waterworks, in which the technical nature of the suggested work is fully explained.

### TO-DAY.

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## THE U.S. SUBMARINE DISASTER.

### ENTOMBED MEN NEARING THE END.

### SIGNALS GROW FAINT.

New York, Dec. 20.

In obedience to a broadcast request the whole nation simultaneously bowed in prayer for the safety of the men alive in the S4.

Three big pontoons have arrived at the spot awaiting the subsidence of the seas.

A New Yorker, Mr. Anthony Griffin, in the House of Representatives called attention to the lack in the United States and Britain of up-to-date submarine salvage appliances such as exist in Germany and which were used for saving the lives of the crew of the submarine recently sunk in the Kiel Canal.

Signalers by tapping the hull of the S4 have secured the names of the men still living.—Reuter's American Service.

### "Time Nearly Up."

Province Town, Dec. 20.

"Our time is nearly up; we have used our last bottle of oxygen," hammered on the side of the sunken submarine S4, has driven the helpless rescuers almost frantic, for the turbulent seas not only make diving most risky but prevent effective measures for getting air and food by a tube to the doomed survivors.

Faint tappings are only now heard indicating that the unfortunate men are nearly exhausted.—Reuter's American Service.

### The Last Message.

New York, Dec. 20.

The last message received from the men aboard the submarine S4 was in the form of three distinct taps at 11:20 in the morning, acknowledging a cheering word from the wife and child of Lieutenant Graham Fitch.

Undecipherable hammerings were heard as late as four o'clock in the afternoon, since when there has been complete silence.

Meanwhile, heavy seas have brought all rescue work completely at a standstill.—Reuter's American Service.

## MELBOURNE REJECTS "TOTE" BILL.

### COUNCIL'S POWERS QUESTIONED.

Melbourne, Dec. 20.

The Legislative Council yesterday rejected the Totalisator Bill, which proposed a tax of ten per cent on all race-course investments, of which the respective shares of the Government and club would be five-and-a-half and four-and-a-half per cent.

The Government introduced the Bill as a financial measure and it now intends to investigate whether the Council is empowered to reject it.—Reuter.

## LIGHT AEROPLANE RECORD.

### CLAIM BY CAPTAIN LANCASTER.

London, Dec. 20.

A new world's light aeroplane record is claimed by Captain Lancaster flying the "Red Rose" from England to Australia.

He has cabled to London from Calcutta stating that he has now flown 8,500 miles, which is the longest cross-country flight ever made by a light plane carrying a passenger.—Reuter.

## EXPLOSION ON AIR- PLANE CARRIER.

### A U.S. NAVAL MISHAP.

New York, Dec. 20.

A message from San Diego, California, says that two members of the crew were killed and five injured aboard the aeroplane carrier Langley in consequence of an explosion, probably petrol and stores. The crew extinguished the subsequent fire with steam.—Reuter's American Service.

## THREE NANKING CAMPAIGNS.

### RECAPTURE OF CANTON IS CONTEMPLATED.

### FIRST BATCH OF RUSSIANS LEAVE SHANGHAI.

### TRAM SERVICE RESUMED.

It is disclosed in to-day's telegrams that the Nanking Government has decided to carry out three big military campaigns. The first of these is to be an attack on Shantung, the second to aim at the recapture of Canton, and the third is to assist General Yen Shi-shan in the defence of Shansi. For the purposes of these campaigns, a re-arrangement of Commands has been ordered, full details of which are given below. General Li Chai-sum is to be in charge of the expedition against Canton.

Reports from Yunnan show that the situation there is still troublesome, and that two rebellious Generals against whom the Yunnanese Government are embarking on a campaign have carried out bombardments by aeroplane.

The first contingent of Russians to depart from Shanghai, including many of the Consular staff, left yesterday for Vladivostok by a Dutch steamer.

The Shanghai tramway service was resumed yesterday on a limited scale, strong escorts being provided for each car.

## AERIAL BOMBARDMENT IN YUNNAN.

### SHANGHAI TRAMS.

At yesterday's meeting of the Nationalist Government Standing Committee lengthy consideration was given to the important military campaigns to be carried out, these being the attack on Shantung, the recapture of Canton, and the assistance of General Yen Shi-shan in his defence of Shansi.

Consideration was also given to the question of military expenditure for the various armies. It was decided to re-arrange the commands of the Nationalist forces and the following appointments were made:—

General Ho Ying-ching as Field-Marshal of the First Nationalist Expeditionary Army now engaged at war on the Shantung front.

General Pei Chung-hsi as Field-Marshal of the Second Expeditionary Army which will be engaged with the Southern expedition from Hupeh down to Hunan and Kwangtung. General Chen Tzu-yuan is appointed Vice-Marshal of this Force.

General Li Chung-yen as Field-Marshal of the Third Expeditionary Army which is in Hupeh and may be sent northward through the Peking Hankow Railway.

General Ching Chien as Field-Marshal of the Fourth Expeditionary Army which will occupy the province of Hunan.

General Chu Pei-teh as Field-Marshal of the Fifth Expeditionary Army which is occupying Kiangsi province.

General Liu Hsiang as Field-Marshal of the Sixth Expeditionary Army which occupies Eastern Szechuen.

General Tang Shi-har as Field-Marshal of Seventh Expeditionary Army, with General Tien Chung-yao as Vice-Marshal. This army occupies Western Szechuen.

General Li Chai-sum as Field-Marshal of the Eighth Expeditionary Army which has been ordered to recapture Canton from the hands of Nanking's enemies. The Canton expedition will be assisted by the Second and Third Expeditionary Armies.

General Chau Si-cheng as Field-Marshal of the Ninth Expeditionary Army which occupies the province of Kweichow.

General Feng Chen-wuh as Field-Marshal of Eleventh Expeditionary Army which is in Southern Honan, assisting General Feng Yu-hsiang to attack Chihli.

General Hsu Yung-chang, a subordinate of General Yen Shi-shan, is appointed Field-Marshal of the Twelfth Expeditionary Army which is in Southern Shansi. The name of the Field-Marshal for the Tenth Expeditionary Army Government Forces (incorporated in the Nationalist Army) is not announced.—Nam Chung Pao.

### LABOUR AGITATIONS.

Nanking Acts Firmly.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

Recent actions by the Nanking Government strongly indicate the intention of the Government to put a stop to labour troubles and agitation. All Communists are likely to be summarily dealt with.—Naval Wireless.

### RUSSIANS DEPART.

Many Leave Shanghai.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.

The first contingent of Russians, including a large number of the Soviet Consular Staff, left for Vladivostok on board a Dutch steamer.

The Russians are all making preparations for departure and it is expected that all Soviet officials will have left before the end of the week.—Naval Wireless.

### WANG CHING-WEL.

His Arrest Requested.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Generals Yeh Kai-shek, Hu Chung-lao, Hsu Wei and other Nationalist commanders in Hupeh sent a joint telegram to the Nationalist Government yesterday asking that orders for the arrest of Wang Ching-wel and his followers should be issued by the Government. These generals charged Wang as being a notorious "Red" ringleader and responsible for all the chaos in the Kuomintang party.—Nam Chung Pao.

### YUNNAN SITUATION.

Aeroplane Drop Bombs.

A message from Yunnan-fu, from a Chinese source, states that General Hou-In, who has been appointed as Commander of the Government forces in its coming campaign against the rebellious Generals Hu Ju-yi and Tsang Ju-mars, left for the East on December 6th.

The two parties are continuing to keep a watchful eye one on the other, but hitherto no action has been taken. However, a first bombardment by aeroplanes has been carried out by the two rebellious Generals. This took place General Long Yun, the President of the Government Directorate, and Commander-in-Chief of the Government Forces (incorporated in the Nationalist Army) is not announced.—Nam Chung Pao.

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### THE MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

INTERESTING POINT RAISED.

The case was continued yesterday at the Criminal Sessions in which the Chief Justice had before him a Chinese charged with manslaughter of a coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Company, who was taken out of the Harbour on November 16th, it being alleged that he was pushed in by three men who attacked him.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy conducted the case for the Crown and Mr. F. C. Jenkin instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

#### No Caution.

An interpreter said that he interpreted questions and answers between the prisoner and Detective Inspector Lane. The prisoner was not cautioned by him (witness), his replies were not read out to him and he was not invited to sign them.

Replying to Mr. Jenkin witness said the prisoner was interrogated after two witnesses had been questioned.

Detective Inspector Lane said that he was called to the charge room at two o'clock on the morning of November 16 where he saw the prisoner with other men. When being questioned the prisoner was taken out of the dock. He did not receive any information whatever from witnesses. All the information he received at the time was from the Inspector on duty, who had received information from witnesses. Witness said he had not questioned anyone before he asked the prisoner questions.

Witness said in reply to Mr. Fitzroy that he did not offer any inducement to the prisoner or give him any fear of prejudice or hold out any advantage to him when taking down his replies to the questions.

Answering Mr. Jenkin witness agreed that one of the questions he put to the prisoner was "What's all this about?"

Witness then left the box. Mr. Jenkin submitted that the admission of the prisoner's replies to the questions as evidence was contrary to the established rules, which, although they did not have the force of law, were regarded as sound principles governing the admission or rejection of such evidence. They were first promulgated in 1912.

#### Recognised Rules.

The third rule he said states "Persons in custody should not be questioned without the usual caution being first administered." The ninth rule states "Any statement made in accordance with the above rules should, wherever possible, be taken down in writing and signed by the person making it, after it has been read to him and he has been invited to make any corrections he may wish."

Mr. Jenkin continuing said that strong grounds must be shown by the prosecution for admitting a statement which ran counter to the spirit of the rules. He went on to quote authorities bearing out the consideration that was given to them by other eminent judges.

His Lordship remarked that if he was satisfied with the bona fides of the witnesses the rules would not affect his mind very seriously, but he agreed that their observance was the better course to follow. A man should be put on the alert as to what was being done to him. He should not be trapped or inveigled. Rule nine was more or less a matter of procedure which was very admirable, but it did not, to his mind, occupy the important position of rule three.

Mr. Jenkin respectfully agreed. He continued that he was not making an attack of any shape or form on Inspector Lane. He was a busy man with a great deal of crime to investigate. He was called into the charge room at two o'clock in the morning, but he did not, in fact, caution the prisoner. "I put it to you that you will exercise your discretion in favour of this man, in that it would have been fair, leaving out the caution, if Inspector Lane had at least im-

parted to the man some idea of the matter on which he was going to be interrogated."

His Lordship said that none of the rules said that.

Mr. Jenkin agreed.

#### Is it Unfair?

His Lordship asked, apart from the question of a caution, was there anything inherently unfair for a police officer to say to a man who had been arrested "What's all this about?" Was there anything unfair in that particular form?

Mr. Jenkin replied that a man might be arrested as a suspected snatcher, knowing at the same time that he had committed a most grievous offence. In answer to a question like that he might admit he had committed murder.

His Lordship: You don't mean to say that a trap was laid? It might cause a misunderstanding and might draw a fatal answer from the accused?—Yes.

His Lordship remarked that surely it was not the duty of the police to tell the prisoner what they knew.

Mr. Jenkin replied that he did not think it was part of their duty.

His Lordship: If he is cautioned surely there would be no reason for the police to keep the prisoner in possession of what they know?—I cannot say that it has been laid down as a hard and fast rule because the point has never been raised as far as I know. It seems to me it would be fair to the man to give him some indication of the matter on which he is to be interrogated.

His Lordship asked Mr. Jenkin whether he referred to a charge, but not information.

Mr. Jenkin agreed. He added that the questions were of a very general nature and the man might have said anything.

#### Wrong Procedure.

Mr. Fitzroy urged that the statement should be put in evidence, saying that it would not do to put a man in the dock and charge him straight away when he might have a perfectly simple explanation to give.

His Lordship remarked that the serious question arose as to whether the statement was voluntary under the circumstances.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that a voluntary statement meant that it was made without fear of prejudice or held out any advantage exercised or held out by a person in authority. Unless those facts were present there was no reason why the statement should not be accepted. If a judge considered that anything unfair had been done to the prisoner, then he might exercise his power and rule it out.

His Lordship remarked that what he wanted to know was why he should depart from rule three in the present case? The statement had been taken under circumstances offending against the rule. "I have a sense of caution, and why should I depart from these rules laid down by very eminent legal personalities, when one of these rules absolutely governs this case?"

Mr. Fitzroy replied that it was a voluntary statement. The rules, he said, were not law, and did not absolutely bar the statement.

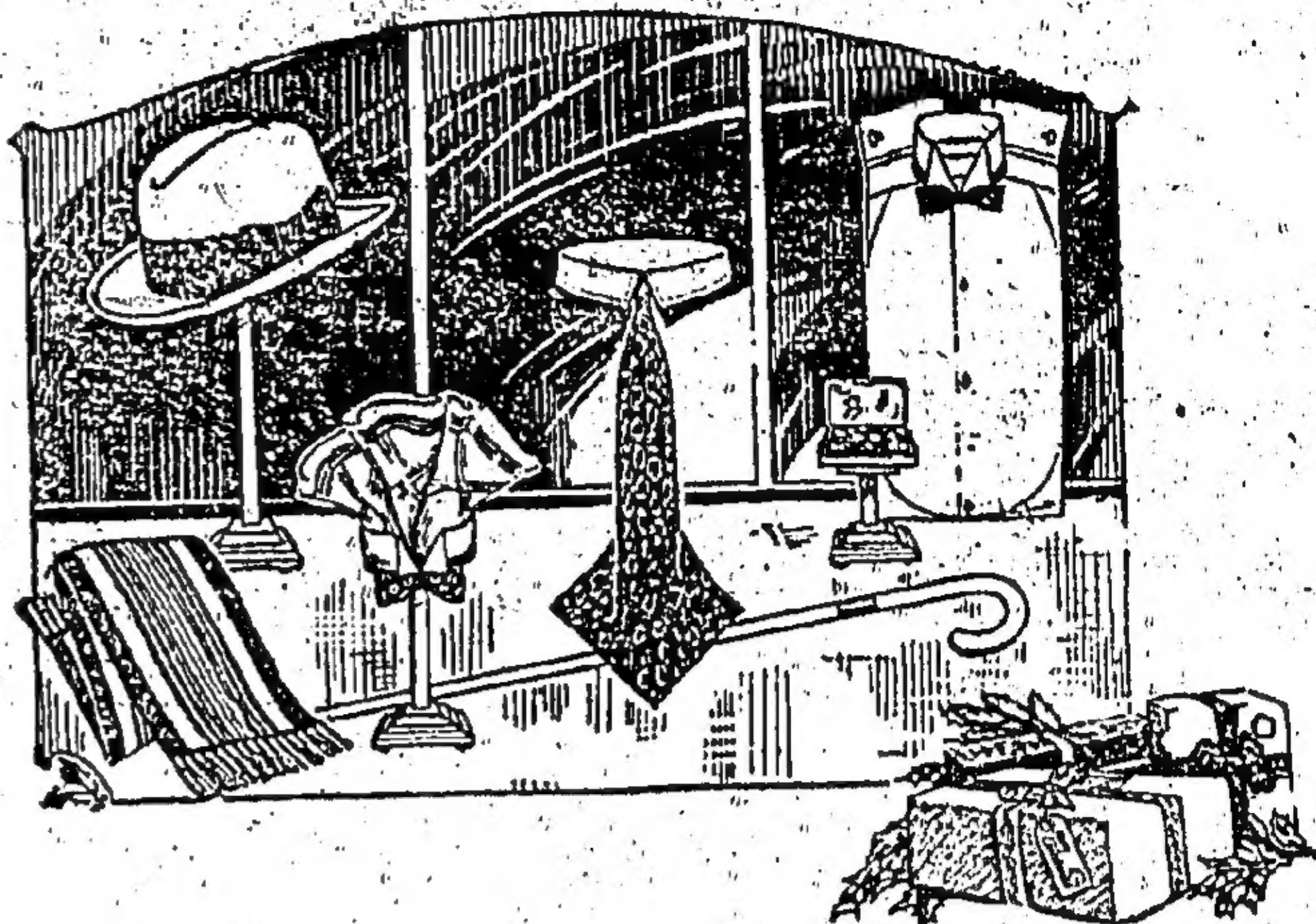
In summarising the question his Lordship said it was quite clear that the answers to the questions were left to the discretion of the judge. The authorities were by no means clear. They seemed to have different trends of decision according to the particular judges who had given decisions. They were, as far as he could see, more or less a clearly recognised procedure.

#### Judges' Opinions.

Certain rules, he continued, had been agreed upon by the judges in England as to the proper course to follow where a person is to be questioned. It was true that the rules did not carry the force of law. As he had said to Mr. Fitzroy he had a sense of caution and realised that the rules were laid down by very eminent persons, whose opinions he was bound to consider with the greatest possible respect.

The rules were perfectly easy to follow. In the particular case

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### BRITISH TRADE.

#### BETTER OUTLOOK.

London, Dec. 20.

During the debate on unemployment in the House of Commons last night the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, referred to the November figures for Overseas Trade, which showed an increase of 16 per cent in the value of British trade as compared with November two years ago. That meant an improvement of about 26 per cent in exports, which was equal to an average month of 1913.

There was now less shipping laid up than at almost any time in the past. The adverse trade balance had also been considerably reduced during the past month.

Dealing with the outlook in industry generally, he said that there was a better understanding and greater mutual confidence. In the foreign field the Government had designed its policy to help trade. In regard to Russia, that country had sold to us, in the first three months after the breach, more than it sold three months before the breach. If the Russians were free to sell they were also free to buy. There was no lack of facility to do so.—*British Wireless.*

predner on November 17. In answer to that charge he replied "I did not murder her."

This closed the case for the Crown and the case was adjourned until this morning.

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Group taken after the wedding recently of Mr. Jesso Sommers and Miss Dora Ullstein. The wedding was celebrated at the American Consulate-General, Shanghai. Mr. Sommers is known as the "saxophone king" of the Majestic Orchestra. Its genial conductor, Mr. Whitney Smith, is seen on the left of the picture.



Group photograph taken on board the N. Y. K. European Mail Liner Fushimi Maru, of Sir Cecil Clementi, Lady Clementi and their children, prior to the vessel sailing from Shanghai for Hongkong. Mr. Funatsu, former Consul-General in Hongkong, Mrs. T. Saito, Shanghai manager of the N. Y. K. and the Captain of the steamer are also seen in the picture.

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The bridal group outside Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, after the wedding of Mr. George Donald Grant and Miss Lily Guthrie Marshall. The bridesmaids are Miss Olive McKay, and Mrs. G. W. Cockburn and the matron of honour, Mrs. C. A. Chambers. Miss Marion Henderson was the flower girl. The best man was Com. P. H. Rolfe, R. N. B. The bride was given away by Mr. C. A. H. Chambers.



Dr. Wilhelm Cuno, former German chancellor is named as the probable successor of Baron von Maltzan as Berlin's ambassador to Washington.



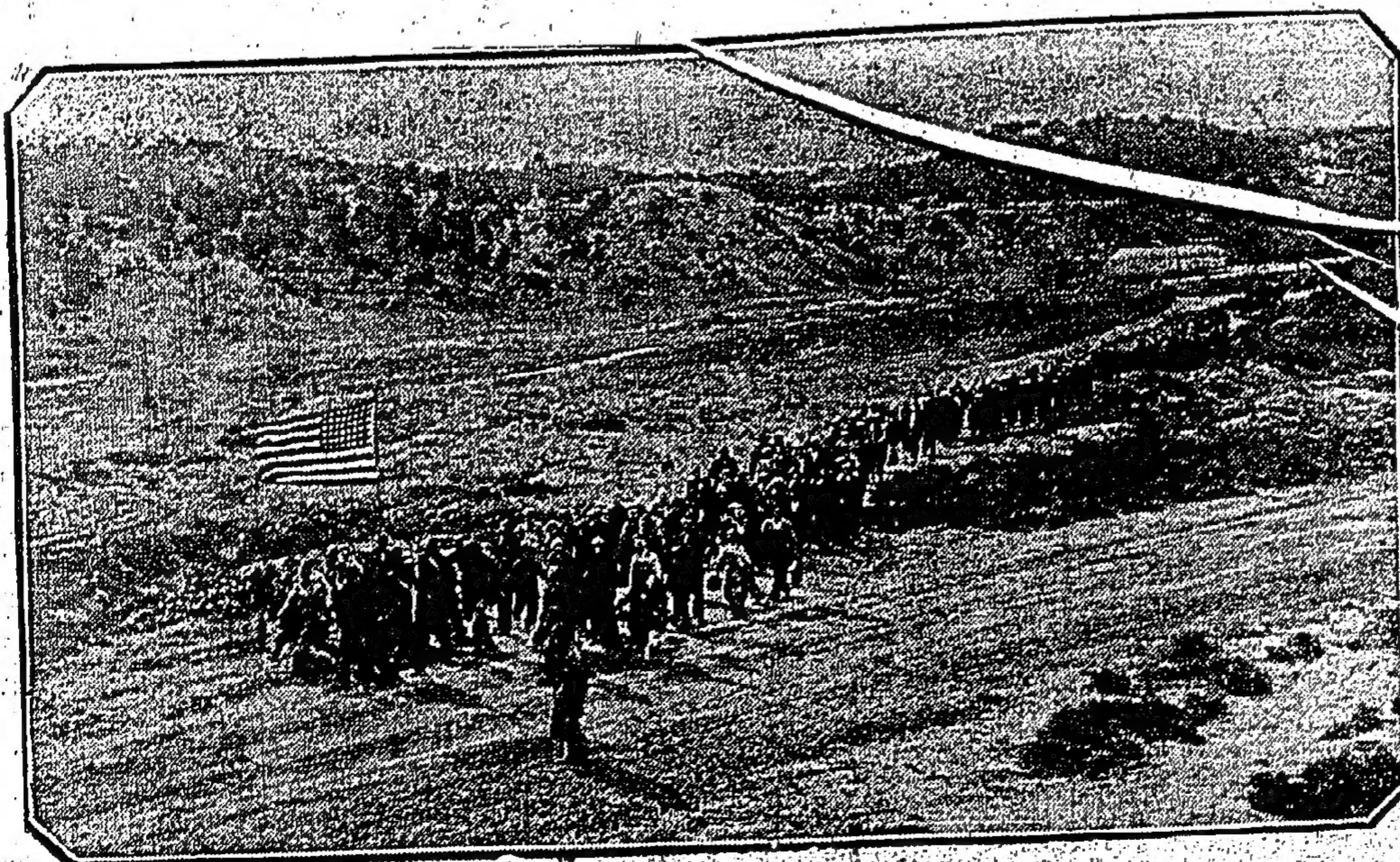
The latest photograph of Colonel P. K. Fawcett, British explorer, believed to have been lost two years ago in the interior of Brazil. A rescue expedition is being organised.



Members of the Shanghai Yacht Club met recently for their annual dinner at the Shanghai Club, after which prizes for the past season were presented to the winner. Mr. E. T. Byrne, Commodore of the Club, presided.



The Rt. Rev. Joseph N. Dinand, B. I. former president of Holy Cross College, photographed upon his consecration at Worcester, Mass., as titular bishop of Solinus.



A grim parade, this! It's the march of striking coal miners in Huerfano County, Colorado, where the Industrial Workers of the World were at war with mine operators. Troops armed with machine guns were called out to suppress violence.

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101, 102, 161, 168, 174, 191,  
194, 208, 210, 216, 226, 248  
259, 265, 267, 271, 272, 279  
284, 287.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**—Hair Specialists of "Empress of Russia," Miss Pure and "Mr. Wicks at Hotel Savoy Beauty Parlour. Look your best for the Holidays. Hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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**TO LET.**—One European FLAT Wanchai Cap Road, Hongkong. Apply to 32, Kennedy Road.

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### THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

The Ninth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Thursday, the 22nd Day of December, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,**  
General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 5th Dec. 1927.

## NOTICE.

We have removed our Offices to the New P. and O. Building, (4th floor) from 19th of December, 1927.

**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.**  
Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th February, 1928.

Draft programmes and entry forms are now ready and may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

## NOTICE.

The Offices of the Douglas Steamship Company have been removed to the New P. and O. Building, (4th floor) from Monday, 19th of December, 1927.

**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,**  
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**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.**

Hongkong, 17th Dec., 1927.

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**THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO., LTD.**

**'SPECIAL' AND 'FAMILY' MONTHLY TICKETS.**

Holders of the above-mentioned tickets are hereby informed that effective January 1st, 1928, such tickets will not be available.

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By Order

of the Board of Directors,  
**LAM MING FAN,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 20th, 1927.

### STEEPLECHASES.

Saturday, 24th December, at 3.15.

Admission to Public Enclosure \$1.00. Ladies Free.

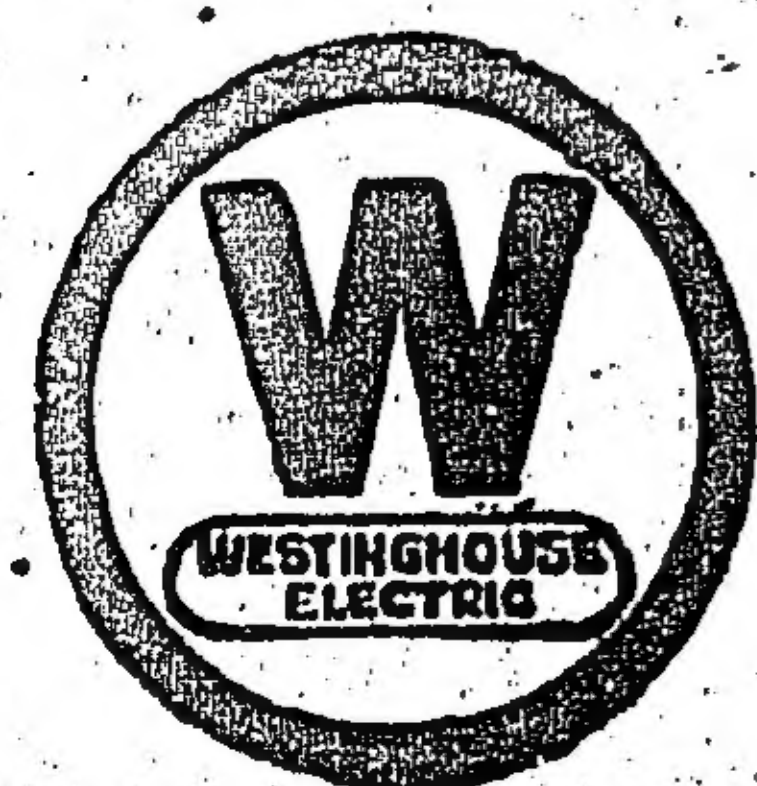
Admission to Subscribers Enclosure on production of badge only.

Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free, and Two Non-members at \$5.00 each.

Cars parked on the Racecourse \$5.00 each.

Tickets obtainable from Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

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are hereby notified that the cargo will be discharged into the Ho's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Ho's Wharf.

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Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th December, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th Jan., 1927, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
Agents,  
Hongkong, December 21, 1927.

### HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 22nd to 31st December, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Month	High Water	Low Water	Day of Month	High Water	Low Water
Thurs. 22	8 47	1 5	Mon. 26	8 17	1 35
Fri. 23	7 55	1 5	Tues. 27	7 25	1 35
Sat. 24	7 05	1 5	Wed. 28	6 35	1 35
Sun. 25	6 15	1 5	Thurs. 29	5 45	1 35
Mon. 26	5 25	1 5	Fri. 30	4 55	1 35
Tues. 27	4 35	1 5	Sat. 31	4 05	1 35

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London, Dec. 3.

The new Ford car was exhibited in London yesterday. Experts describe it as orthodox.

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Prices in England are from \$145 to \$215.

Long queues formed at night-time outside the Ford showrooms in New York, the windows of which were white-fronted to prevent "premature peeping." Police reserves were called out to handle the crowds.

## ACTIVE SEARCH FOR "REDS."

### CANTON LEADERS WANTED.

Acting on reports of a big influx of Communists into Shanghai and the possibility of trouble breaking out as a development of the Canton revolt, the Chinese authorities on Thursday last instituted drastic measures to meet the situation.

What is described as "double martial law" was introduced, and its application at night resulted in absolute prohibition of people being on the street between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

Shortly before noon, a large body of Nationalist troops surrounded the premises of the Commercial Press, Ltd., in Faoshan Road, Chapel, and commenced examining employees suspected of Communist tendencies.

A minute search of the premises was also made on the report that arms and ammunition were stored there unknown to the owners of the works.

All the afternoon, troops were continuing their search and examining people, but the result of this action was not announced.

No progress has been reported in the move to arrest Canton leaders alleged to have been connected with the recent revolt.

General Li Li-chun, Chairman of the Central Executive of the Kuomintang, told an audience at Nanking on Wednesday, that a warrant ordering the arrest of Mr. Wang Ching-wai and eight others, would be issued. He named nine Canton leaders including Wang Ching-wai, Chen Kung-po, and Koo Ching-yu.

Leaders in Hiding.

Several of the leaders named by the Nanking faction are living in the Foreign Settlement, but daily move their addresses in the order to evade arrest by the Nationalists. It is reported.

Among those known to be living somewhere in the Settlement and pursued by the wrath of the members of the party are Kan Nai-kwan, Madame Ho Hsing-nin, Chu Chi-ching and Ting Chow-an.

A mass meeting at Nanking on Wednesday adopted the following resolutions: That the Nationalist Government be requested to despatch troops immediately to Canton to crush the Reds.

That warrants for the arrest of the following persons, who are responsible for the revolt of December 11 be immediately issued by the Nationalist Government, namely: Wang Ching-wai, Ho Hsing-nin, Koo Mong-yu, Kan Nai-kwan, Chen Kung-po, Wang Fa-chien, Wang Lo-ping, Chen Shu-chen, Pen Yun-chao, Chang Fat-kwai and Hwang Chi-hsiang.

Chamber's Manifesto.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has issued a strong, ly-worried manifesto urging the suppression of Communism in Shanghai and district, and asking people to influence the Nationalist Government to stamp out Communism and punish those who have protected Communists.

"After the restoration of peace in the south-eastern provinces by the Nationalist Government, the Communists occupied Hunan and Hupoh, usurped the provincial authority, seized lands, searched for specie, and instigated the labourers to go on strike thereby causing heavy losses to peasants, merchants, and labourers. They also incited looters to plunder and to massacre any person who disobeyed their wishes. In consequence Hunan and Hupoh, two prosperous provinces, have become the hunting ground of wolves and where numerous law-abiding persons have been killed.

Aiming at War.

"Shanghai and Hankow are connected by water therefore these troubles have affected the situation in Shanghai, where the financial market has become disturbed and the business of mills, factories, shops, etc., has become very dull. The object of the Communists is to loot and massacre the people, to create chaos throughout the whole country and to make the Far Eastern question a cause for world war. The Third Internationale desires to sacrifice China in order that its plans for world revolution might succeed. The Chinese Communists are the 'eagles' and 'dog' of that nation. Should the Communists attain their object in China, the people of the whole country, regardless of the fact whether they are peasants, labourers, merchants, students, soldiers or policemen, will suffer.

"The people are exceedingly glad to notice that separation from the Communists is being endorsed by the Kuomintang leaders at Nanking and Hankow, whilst the Government is purifying the Party. The Communists created disturbances at Ishing and Wushih and started trouble at Canton on December 12. We, the Chamber of Commerce, however, draw attention to the following points:—

"(1) Despite the fact that the Communists have been very powerful at Hankow, they were unable to create trouble there when the

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From	Per	Due
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Japan and Shanghai	Luchow	December 22
Calcutta and Straits	Kashgar	December 22
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via	Kumsang	December 23
Siberia	Kashgar	December 23
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)	City of Peking	December 24
London 24th November and parcels		
17th November	Devanha	December 24
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	December 25
Straits	Kamo Maru	December 25
Shanghai	Patroclus	December 25
Manila	President Taft	December 26
Suez and Straits	Lion	December 26
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Asia	December 26
Japan and Shanghai	Hakusan Maru	December 26
Suez and Straits	Pyrrhus	December 30
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Harrison	December 31
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For	Per	Date
Manila and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Ramess	Wed., Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Japan	West Cayote	Wed., Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Loilo	Arche	Wed., Dec. 21, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Chungching	Wed., Dec. 21, 5 p.m.
Straits	Cremer	Thurs., Dec. 22, 11.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Sui Sang	Thurs., Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Elthadas	Thurs., Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kuchow	Thurs., Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Weihaiwei	Song Bo	Thurs., Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Hai Phong	Rakyo Maru	Fri., Dec. 23, 10.30 a.m.
Japan and Honolulu	Haiching	Fri., Dec. 23, Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hupoh	Sat., Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashgar	Sat., Dec. 24, K.P.O.

Parcels ..... 23rd 4.30 p.m.

Registration ..... 24th 9 a.m.

Letters ..... 24th 10 a.m.

G.P.O.

Parcels ..... 23rd 5 p.m.

Registration ..... 24th 9.45 a.m.

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### FILM DISPLAY.

#### AGRICULTURAL PICTURES, AT CLUB LUSITANO.

An interesting display of agricultural films was made at the Club Lusitano last evening under the auspices of the Club and the direction of the American Consul-General R. C. Tredwell, Esq.

There were a large number of people present, including Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kern, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Nantz, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sanger, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Sommers, Miss May Letzig, American Consul General, Mr. H. Shantz, Mr. A. L. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Albuquerque e Castro, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. and Mrs. Shenon, Sir Robert & Lady Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kam Tong, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. W. J. Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Talati, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hancock, Mr. Jensen, of Jensen and Co., Mr. A. Cameron, Squadron-Leader MacPherson, R. A. F., Group-Com. Robertson, R. A. F., Mr. & Mrs. Rodgers, G. F. Haslam, E. L. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ballard, Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Chittenden, W. Adamson, Rev. Fr. Neary, S. J., G. E. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. D. Forbes, Mr. E. L. Sim, Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Kew, Bishop Valtorta, Mrs. C. N. Yvanovich, Mrs. C. M. Cordeiro, Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Xavier, Dr. and Miss Wagner, Mr. S. Carrara, Mr. and Mrs. Montargis, Mr. and Mrs. Pelsius, Mr. & Mrs. S. Berg, the Italian Vice-Consul, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. B. Silva Netto, and a large number of members of the club.

Mr. C. A. da Roza, president of the Club, welcomed the guests, thanking them for their attendance. He said: I think it is hardly necessary for me to make a formal introduction to you of Mr. Tredwell whom you all know as Consul-General for the United States in Hongkong, but I would like to take this opportunity to extend to him a hearty vote of thanks, not only for his kind consent to explain the pictures which will be before us to-day, but also for interesting Messrs. Anderson Meyer and Co., by arranging for the loan of the pictures, and we have also in this connection to thank Messrs. Brunner Mond and Co. These pictures, Ladies and Gentlemen, are of topical interest, and have been very favourably commented upon by the press when shown recently at the Agricultural Show in Fanning, and we are extremely glad to have the opportunity to see them to-day.

#### Consul's Address.

The U. S. Consul-General then addressed the gathering as follows:

There are found in most communities persons who take the initiative in directing and stimulating the interest of the public in enterprises which tend to promote the common welfare. This is especially true of Hongkong. Within the past ten days a group of men and women, well known to us for their earnest endeavours, most successfully staged the first agricultural show ever held in this Colony. The show was a splendid example of how men and women of different races may combine freely to dedicate their talents and riches for the benefit of those who are tillers of the soil. This may easily and well be extended in other directions to the mutual advantage of all and a finer appreciation of each other's characteristics.

This Colony is richly endowed with good soil, it is noted for its liberality in trade, its maintenance of law and order, and it has grown and prospered under the administration of a series of able Governors. It should not lose its heritage. I feel that there is no cause for pessimism as to the future of this Colony, especially when it has so many public spirited citizens working diligently for its welfare, and a Governor who is in every way fitted for the responsible administrative position which he holds. (Applause.)

The task, as I see it, for those who inaugurated this agricultural show is one not alone of increasing production, or of intensification and expansion of agriculture, but primarily one of educating the farmer. If successful in this direction the results will extend far, and fortunately those who have commenced this good work have a vision which is not limited by the boundaries of the Colony.

#### Contentment.

It may sound trite to say that educated citizenship is indispensable to a progressive state. Yet we must remember that a contented and educated farmer has no use for agitators, outlaws or military leaders who despoil his crops and carry his sons off to fight their battles. The contented and educated farmer learns that life is not only an endurable but an enjoyable thing. Therefore as the farmers of the New Territories prosper as a result of the aid given them both by those who are the promoters of an annual agricultural show and also by a beneficent Government, other farmers across the border will soon come to realize the benefits of a

### CANTON RELIEF.

#### HONGKONG AND CANTON MERCHANTS MEET.

The sum of \$2,000 was voted by the representatives of the Tung Wah Hospital, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Twenty-four Merchants' Guilds Association when they met yesterday afternoon at the Tung Wah Hospital to discuss the question of relief for those who were stricken through the "Red" insurrection at Canton.

The five delegates representing the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the various Charity Clubs at Canton, who arrived in the Colony on Monday night were also present at the meeting. The Canton delegates were Messrs. Au Shut-che, Chan Yau-man, Yuen Che-ming, To Man-ting, and Shung Chun-tong.

At the meeting the Canton delegates declared that the Fong Bin Hospital, Canton, in co-operating with other charity clubs had succeeded in cleaning the streets and roads of corpses and attending to the wounded. Of the latter class the number was not large. In the work of relief the most prominent part was played by the Fong Bin Hospital, which alone had spent thousands of dollars in collecting corpses and providing coffins for them. As the said hospital depends to a large extent on the subscriptions of Hongkong and Canton merchants for its maintenance, the Canton delegates were of the opinion that, in some way or the other the Fong Bin Hospital, should be assisted.

#### For the Distressed.

Proceeding, the Canton representatives declared that they had decided to provide the needy refugees in Canton with rice, as rice and other food stuffs were exceedingly costly since the "Red" coup, and not a few of the Canton poorer classes had found it hard to earn enough to pay for their food in the devastated city. But, to solve the problem of providing the needed quantity of rice, a very large sum would have to be spent and toward this the delegates had received the Canton Government's promise of \$300,000, but this would not be enough and the delegates appealed to the Hongkong merchants for more funds.

#### The Cold Winter.

Next to the provision of rice, the distributing of free winter clothing and of congee for the poor and distressed during the coming cold winter days would have to be considered by the relief workers. After some discussion, it was decided that the Tung Wah Hospital should subscribe \$500 toward the cost of cotton clothes, \$1,000 as an annual subscription for the Fong Bin Hospital and another \$500 for the provision of coffins.

In connection with the provision of rice the Hongkong representatives were of the opinion that the Canton relief workers should carry out their work first and if the provision of rice for the needy proved successful, then the Hongkong merchants might assist to carry on the work. However, the Hongkong delegates made it clear that whatever was done was to be confined to relief work and politics should not be allowed to enter into the agreement.

The five delegates from Canton were entertained by the Hongkong merchants last night at a dinner party given in their honour at the South China Restaurant.

life in a land which is not torn by internal strife.

I am certain that at some future time the twentieth century will be selected as a period worthy of emulation because of its lofty public spirit, its high ideals and quality of service, the improved condition of those who toil, and its earnest efforts to foster international good will. In this respect Hongkong will not be found wanting. It is at such a gathering as we have here to-day these qualities are exemplified in the individuals who have contributed so much to the welfare of the Colony. The international phase is so evident it requires no comment. It only remains, therefore, for me to thank, in the name of the guests here present, those whose foresight has made it possible for us to foregather here to-day for what I feel certain will prove to be not only an interesting but an instructive entertainment. (Applause.)

The exhibition of pictures then took place, the following being shown:

"CULLING OF CHICKENS." (Film by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, loaned by courtesy of Messrs. Anderson, Meyer & Co.)

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"THE TRACTOR FARMER."

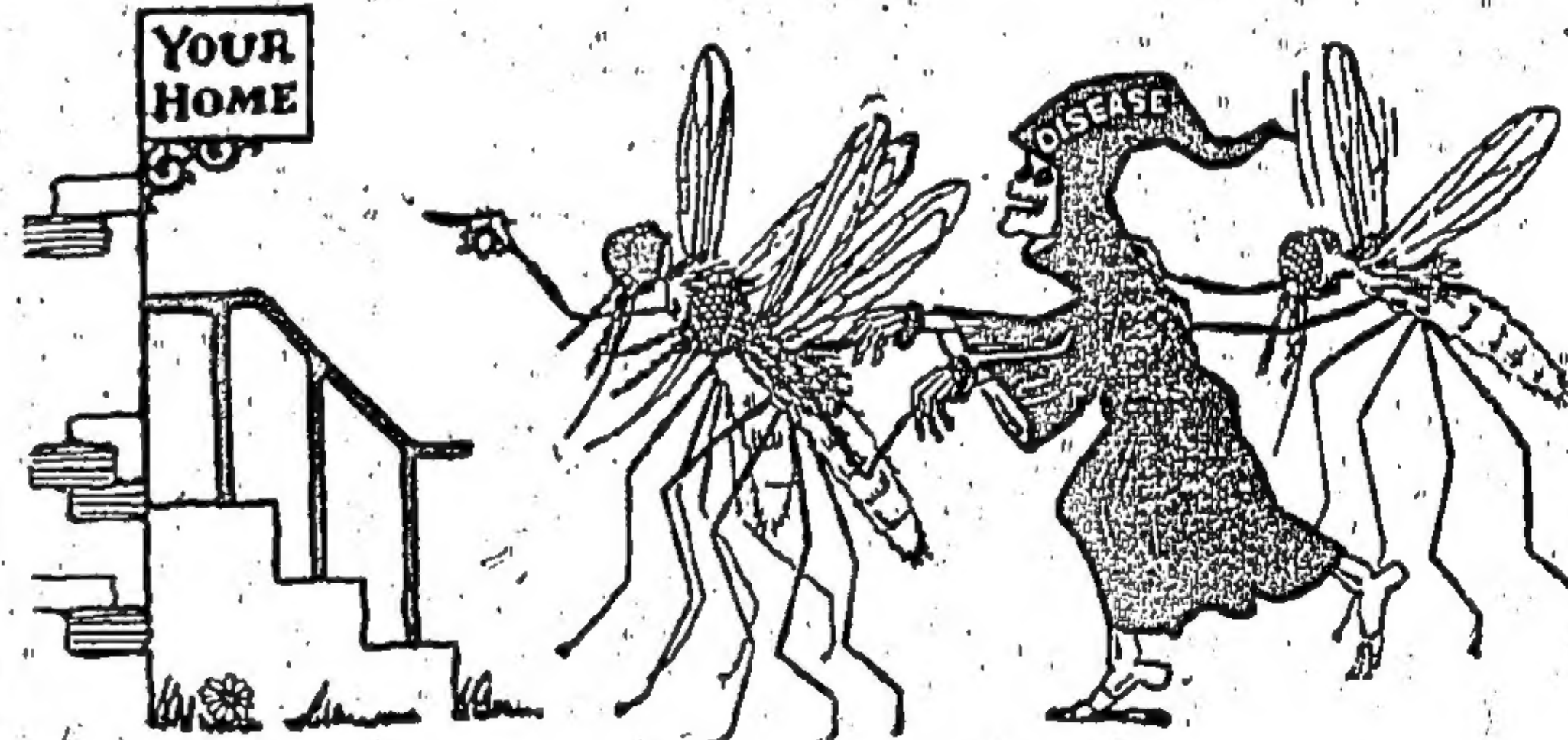
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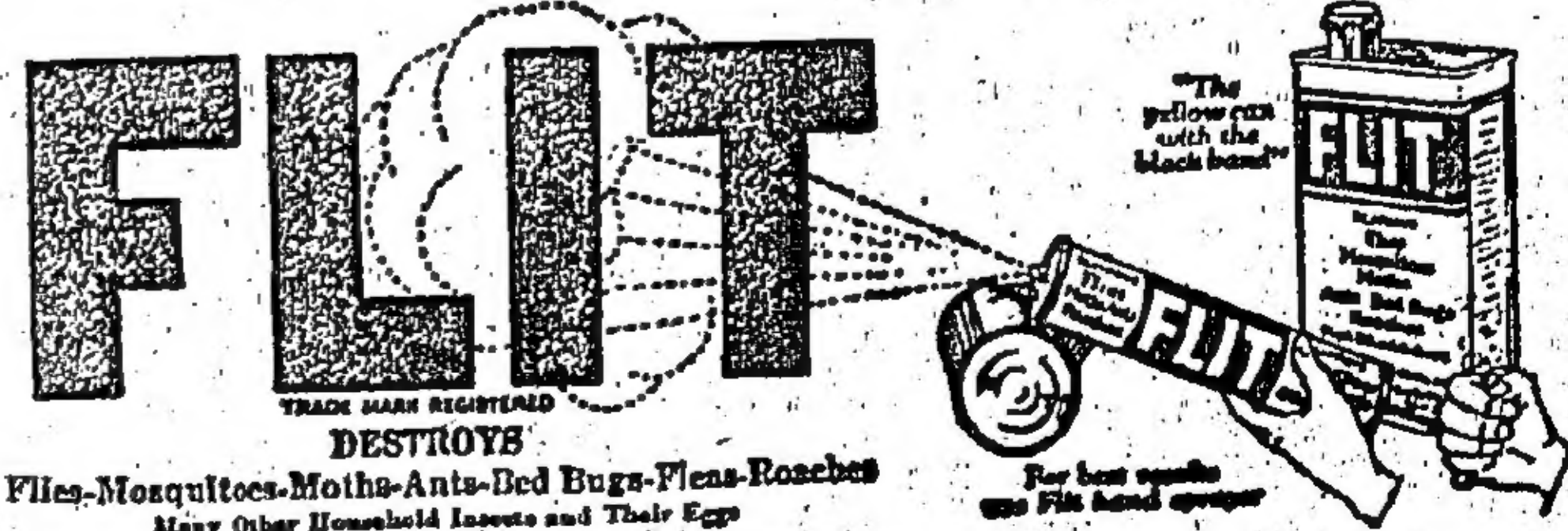
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knife down a woman's mackintosh and cut it. Grigg denied the charge. Mr. S. Pope (magistrate). Your movements were so suspicious that the officers thought you to be a thief. But you were up to some other mischief. You are fined 20s, and will have to pay 30s. costs.

The Beaufort Club, Soho-square, for sixty years one of the best known racing and betting club in London, is to close at the end of the year, when the company owning it will be wound up. During the peak of its popularity the club had a membership of 600. To-day members are comparatively few.



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# NEW ANGLO-IRAK TREATY.

## THE TEXT OF ITS MAIN PROVISIONS.

### BRITAIN'S UNDERTAKINGS.

London, Dec. 20. The text has been issued of the Treaty between Britain and Irak signed in London on December 14th.

The Treaty recognises Irak as an independent and sovereign State and declares that there shall be peace and friendship between His Britannic Majesty and His Majesty the King of Irak. It states that: "provided the present rate of progress in Irak is maintained and all goes well in the interval His Britannic Majesty will support the candidature of Irak for admission to the League of Nations in 1932."

It stipulates that separate agreements, superseding those of March 25th, 1924, shall regulate financial and military relations. The King of Irak undertakes to secure the execution of all international obligations which His Britannic Majesty has undertaken to see carried out in respect of Irak. He also undertakes not to modify the existing provisions of Irak organic law so as adversely to affect the rights and interests of foreigners, or to constitute any difference in rights before the law among the Irakians on the ground of differences of race, religion or language.

### Local Reforms.

There shall be full and frank consultation between the high contracting parties in all matters of foreign policy which may affect their common interests. The King of Irak undertakes, so soon as local conditions permit, to accede to all general international agreements already existing or which may be concluded hereafter with the approval of the League of Nations in respect of the slave trade, traffic in drugs, arms and munitions; traffic in women and children; transit, navigation, aviation and communications; and also to execute the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations, the Treaty of Lausanne, the Anglo-French Boundary Convention and the San Remo oil agreement in so far as they apply to Irak.

### No Discrimination.

There shall be no discrimination in matters concerning taxation, commerce or navigation against nationals or companies of any State which is a member of the League of Nations or of any State to which the King of Irak has agreed by treaty that the same rights should be ensured as if it were a member of the League.

Any difference that may arise between the high contracting parties regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this Treaty shall be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice provided for by Article 14 of the Covenant of the League. The Treaty shall be subject to review with the object of making any modification as required by circumstances when Irak enters the League of Nations. British Withdrawal.

## CALCUTTA PILOT "ACQUITTED."

### SEQUEL TO RECENT COLLISION.

Calcutta, Dec. 20. The additional Sessions Judge at Alipore, with a special jury, today concluded the hearing of a case in which Mr. E. G. Bacon, pilot in charge of the "Rabenhof," was prosecuted for alleged negligence and breach of duty, resulting in a collision with a.s. "Calcutta," which was sunk in the Fulta Bight, on August 29th. The jury unanimously found the pilot not guilty and the Judge acquitted him of the charges.

# "THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII."

## WONDER-FILM AT THE WORLD.

An Italian film of outstanding merit is at present being shown at the World Theatre—namely, "The Last Days of Pompeii," which is based on Lord Lytton's famous book. Some idea of the stupendous task undertaken by the producers may be gained from the fact that the film cost £100,000 to make and took a year to complete, whilst there are some 45,000 people in the cast.

Some wonderful effects have been secured in the presentation of Pompeii as it was before the great disaster which buried it, and an excellent impression is created of life in the city in those days. The major part of the film deals with this period, and the story which is told of rival loves and hatreds is quite engrossing, although it is rather slow in developing.

The real "grip" of the film comes in the final reels, when Vesuvius is seen belching forth molten lava and the city is seen tottering to ruin. These scenes, with the pictures of the fleeing terror-stricken multitudes, are very graphically portrayed, being a real triumph for cinematography. Those who intend seeing this wonder-film should note the special times for screening.

## CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

### THE LATEST CHANGES.

Captain W. J. Andrews, of the Ningpo, is on reserve. Mr. R. W. Forster, second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Kwangse. Mr. J. W. Bennett, second officer, Kwangse, has gone second officer, Hsin Peking.

Captain W. Noon, of the Hanyang, is on reserve. Mr. W. L. Shinn, chief officer, Hanyang, has gone master, same ship. Mr. J. M. Hall, sup'y chief officer, Wandin, has gone chief officer, Hanyang.

Mr. G. P. Cope, second officer, Chusan, is on reserve. Mr. F. A. Galbraith, sup'y second officer, Hsin Peking, has gone second officer, Chusan.

Mr. J. D. Craig, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. P. H. Todd, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Whangpu.

Mr. F. J. C. Wilson, third engineer, Chekiang, is on reserve. Mr. A. Lockerie, third engineer, Whangpu, has gone third engineer, Chekiang.

Mr. E. Dunn, third engineer, Kwangse, has gone third engineer, Tungchow. Mr. R. Cook, from shore employment, has gone acting third engineer, Kwangse.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, from reserve, has gone sup'y chief engineer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. L. W. Waterman, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Chungking.

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, third engineer, Tungchow, has gone sup'y third engineer, Chungking.

Mr. A. M. Jewell, second officer, Yatsing, has gone sup'y second officer, Suifu.

Mr. R. G. Merry has been appointed sup'y second officer, Tuckwa.

Mr. J. Fowles, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Tingsang.

Mr. J. Adam, third engineer, Tungchow, is on reserve.

Mr. A. M. Sangster, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Fausang.

Mr. T. C. Malcolm, second engineer, Fausang, is on reserve—Shipping and Engineering.

We have received from Miss L. C. Ablong a cheque for \$10 towards the Fund for the widow and two small children of the late Constable Won Wang-chi, who was killed whilst gallantly intercepting one of the robbers in the recent shooting affair.

# ADMITTED LOOTING IN CANTON.

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### SENTENCED IN HONGKONG.

Confessing that he took part in the looting of the Provincial Treasury at Canton by the "Reds" in the recent insurrection, a Chinese, who is one of the 250 men now being detained in the Colony as suspected Communists, was sent to prison for four weeks, with hard labour, by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy to-day.

The man was charged by Detective Sergeant Rozesky, with being in unlawful possession of stolen money. The officer said that he was one of a batch of twenty-one suspected men, who were taken off the Canton steamer on a recent night. When searched, the man was found to have \$2,500, which fact was regarded as highly suspicious in view of his poverty-stricken appearance. Interrogated, he first told the local police that the money was given to him by an uncle to take out of Canton to prevent it from getting into the hands of the Communists. Later, he told a different story, that the money, represented what was left in the Provincial Treasury Building after the "Reds" had been through it, and that he had picked it up.

### OFFENSIVE TRADES.

#### HOUSE TENANTS FINED.

The tenants of the first and second floors of No. 20 How Woo Street, Wanchai, were summoned by the Sanitary Department this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, under the Offensive Trades Ordinance for making soap and lard on the premises without a proper permit.

The Sanitary Inspector in charge of the case stated in Court that the tenant of the first floor was engaged in boiling soap, both on the verandah and in the kitchen, while on the upper floor the tenant boiled lard in the kitchen. The fat supplied was thought to be from a market pork dealer, but the Inspector believed that other fats were mixed with those supplied by the market.

Fines of \$20 and \$25 was imposed by the Magistrate.

## LETTER GOLF.

### UPS AND DOWNS.

All that goes up must come down, they say. From RISE to FALL is four strokes. Maybe you can do it in fewer strokes.

R	I	S	E
F	A	L	L

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

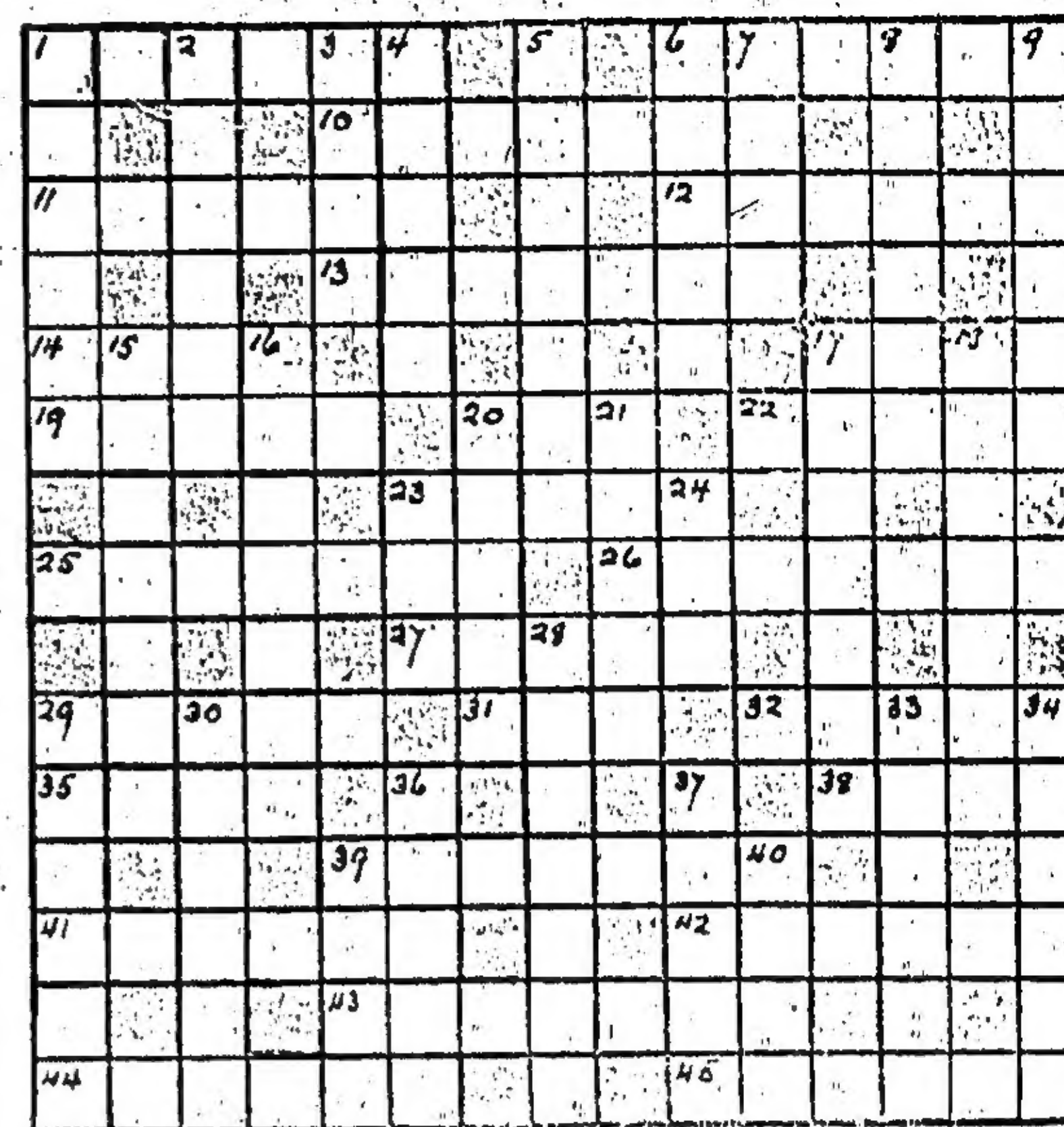
2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

## OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



### Across.

- Twinges of conscience.
- Starry.
- Ardent.
- One who draws.
- Drink frequently.
- Species of hawk.
- An inert gas.
- Runaway.
- Melodies.
- Primary colour.
- Mix.
- Regions below.
- Lady's dressing room.
- Ascended.
- English county.
- Was fond of.
- Moved quickly.
- Depository.
- Articles of summer food.
- Fruit inferior to a lemon.
- Unusual.
- Small particle.
- Baby's toy.
- Answers of a god.
- Cricket team.
- A sport.

### Down.

- Old and antique.
- Deed.
- To ensnare.
- The devil.
- Growled.
- Arch in a mine.
- Disturb.
- Movement on still water.
- Looked slightly.

- Commendatory.
- Sewing implements.
- Woolen cloth.
- Poison.
- More unusual.
- Wicked imp.
- Concealed.
- Male child.
- Drapery hanging round a bed.
- Not much.
- Water container.
- Part of cylinder of steam engine.
- Beliefs.
- Austere.
- Species of heron.
- Wild plum.
- Comfort.

### Yesterday's Puzzle.

T	H	R	I	D	F	E	L	I	S	I	N
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R	O	S	E	N	A	B	L	E	S	A	G
A	T	E	S	T	A	B	L	E	S	A	G
W	A	L	I	O	N	S	A	S	E	P	I
F	E	S	A	R	M	S	P	O	E	T	
C	O	L	L	E	G	E	A	R	D	D	
R	O	E	D	I	S	P	E	D	M		
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N	E	E	D	S							
R	A	D	E	P	T						

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### BIRTH.

DE KANT.—On December 20th, at Zutphen, Holland, to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. de Kant, a daughter.

Hongkong Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 1927.

### LANCASHIRE'S COTTON CRISIS.

To those who have been following the fortunes of the Lancashire cotton spinning industry of late it has come as no surprise to read the Reuter telegram which came to hand yesterday telling of the havoc which has been caused by unrestrained competition. An urgent appeal is now being made by the Cotton Yarn Association to all companies engaged in the American section to come under a new agreement of curtailment, for at present prices only result in losses "no matter how favourably a mill might be financed." It will be remembered that six weeks ago the scheme of control which had previously been in force for a short time was abandoned on account of the lack of unanimity, and that, in effect, the industry reverted to its policy of *laissez faire*. It was then argued by many that it would not be a bad thing for prices to tumble for such would have the effect of driving out of existence many mills which were over-capitalised and therefore running on an uneconomical basis. The plea then was that it would be best for some mills to go bankrupt as soon as possible, but the present plea is that losses are being incurred all round by everybody. And, of course, it would not help much if the mills that close are sold at break-up prices to purchasers who then compete with the advantage of negligible standing charges. The whole crux of the matter has been the persistence of the wrong idea that by lowering prices all round there would be a favourable reaction on the export trade so as to create the very flow of trade upon which the recovery of the industry depends. There has been lots of bad thinking, for there is still a large section of the cotton trade which believes that, given keen competition and a resolute refusal to worry about over-production, Lancashire, by lowering prices all round, may still hope to recapture her lost trade.

Let us pause for a moment to note what elements this section includes. A paradox presents itself. In the cotton trade, the majority of the employers have been striving to adapt their trade to a restricted scale of output, while the charge of "defeatism" has been hurled at them from the operatives' side. There is no serious challenge to wages or hours, while the operatives have long been fond of attributing the troubles of the industry to a skeleton in the employers' cupboard—the inflated capital values at which so many mills changed hands in the mill-buying boom eight years ago. Wringing out this water, they have said in effect, write down your capital to a reasonable figure, and the cotton trade will go ahead once more. But the prices at which the cotton trade has recently been selling its goods have not been remunerative on a modest basis of capitalization. Desirable as it no doubt is to write down inflated capital, it is not easy to see how this can materially affect the situation. In the long run, the logic of selling cheap enough to secure a big recovery of trade must lead, in cotton as in coal, to an attack on wages and hours; a point on which the operatives would do wisely to reflect.

It has been seriously asked whether Lancashire's loss of trade is not due to the fact that Britain has been undercut by competitors, whose trade is expanding, while ours is declining; and if this is so, does it not follow that it is perfectly feasible for us to recover our trade by selling cheap enough? But the reductions of cost required to put us on really competitive terms, as regards the commoner varieties of cotton goods, with countries which employ very low-paid labour, may be beyond the limits of practicable attainment. Our loss of cotton trade is, in a sense, a matter of price; and, it is inevitable that such an industry should tend naturally to pass more and more to countries with a lower standard of life than our own. The tendency has been at work for many years; it has operated very gradually, as all such tendencies do; but, now that it has gathered momentum it is not likely to be reversed. The true way of meeting it is to turn more and more, as of course Lancashire has always been doing, to the finer qualities of goods, in which British advantages still count for most.

### Combating Piracy.

The activities of pirates and bandits on the Upper Yangtze have been so marked of late that the British naval authorities have decided to commence operations against these outlaws. A regular patrol is now being maintained, and already a bandit craft has been seized. The time has certainly come for the taking of strong and well-organised action against these freebooters, especially in the region of Shensi, where many incidents have been reported of late. Only yesterday we reported the attack made by pirates on a Butterfield and Swire tug, possibly by the same gang of bandits which took Captain Lalor into captivity. On that occasion, British naval action was taken against the attackers, the majority of whom, however, managed to get away. It is quite clear that the Chinese authorities either will not or cannot deal with this evil, and that being the case, the only alternative left is foreign action of a punitive character. We have the same trouble down here in the Bias Bay region, where the Chinese authorities appear powerless to do anything. Some few weeks ago, we had hopes that, as a result of the conversations between H. E. the Governor of Hongkong and the foreign Ministers in Peking, some organised plan would be evolved to deal with the evil, but so far nothing tangible has transpired from the proposals then put forward. Possibly, some difficulty is being experienced in getting complete unanimity amongst the Powers. If that is the case, then we hope that those Powers who do see the necessity for action will get together and decide on effective suppressive measures. For all too long have these pirates had matters their own way, and, for the protection of their own interests, it is now up to the various foreign nations to take the matter into their own hands.

### DAY BY DAY.

LOVE CAN SUN THE REALMS OF NIGHT.—Schiller.

Mr. David Gow and family returned from the States by the President Taft.

A Reuter's telegram states that Captain W. G. Lalor continues to make satisfactory progress.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar is expected to arrive here from Shanghai at 7 a.m. on Friday.

Efrem Zimbalist, the famous violinist, is passing through by the President Garfield for Singapore.

Amongst the passengers who left for Manila by the President Taft were Col. Eaves, Mr. P. M. Hodgson and Mr. C. B. Brooks.

Mrs. W. W. Hornell, Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, left on a pleasure trip to the North by the President Jackson.

Mr. C. H. Bay, Diplomatic Secretary of the U.S. Legation at Bangkok, arrived here by the President Garfield from America.

We have received from Messrs. Reiss, Massey and Company, a useful diary for 1928 issued by the Westinghouse Electric International Company.

The President Taft brought East 150 U.S. naval ratings. Of these, 62 disembarked at Shanghai and 30 here. The remainder are proceeding to the Cavite station.

A coolie has been arrested in connexion with the theft of a gramophone and 36 records, the property of a Chinese living at 620, Shanghai Street, Yau-mat.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. R. M. Woods, accountant, 5 Aimal Villas, Austin Road, Kowloon, to Miss D. M. Treavish, 6 Rue du Barrage, Heliopolis, Cairo.

Amongst the passengers who left for Shanghai by the President Jackson were Mr. W. A. Dowley and Mr. C. S. Gubbay. Mr. R. F. C. Hedgeland, Customs Commissioner at Canton, left for Home on leave by the same boat.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei passed through Hongkong yesterday aboard the s.s. Paul Leat. He told a reporter that he hoped to proceed to Southern Germany, and, if his health improved, to return East in about three months' time.

The forthcoming marriage of Mr. Sin Cheuk Man, formerly on the staff of the Tutorial Institute and now manager of Messrs. Banker and Co., Wuchow, ship-owners and agents, and Miss Rosalind Wei, of Kowloon, is announced to take place during Christmas Week.

Two reports were made to the police yesterday with regard to goods being stolen from show cases outside Chinese shops. In one instance, goods to the value of \$104 were stolen from outside No. 229, Des Voeux Road Central, and in another case two sets of animal horns, worth \$200, were taken from a case at No. 35, Wing Lok Street.

While on his way to a house at Shek Tong Tau, West Point, with three boxes of clothing, the value of which is not known at present, a coolie employed by the Wing On Company was accosted by two men who asked him to change bank notes for them and leave the boxes as security. This the coolie agreed to do, but when he arrived at the money changer's shop he found that the parcel of alleged "notes" only contained ordinary paper. On returning to the spot where he was accosted, the coolie found that the men had vanished and the boxes as well.

The carnival dances advertised to take place at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, promise to be particularly happy events. Booking has already opened briskly, and those who have not yet reserved accommodation are advised to do so early, especially when it is remembered that last year many were turned away owing to leaving the reservation of tables until the last moment. No expense is being spared to make both carnivals in every way enjoyable, and there will be plenty of toys, hats, crackers, streamers and other novelties provided. Dancing will continue until 1 a.m., special Peak trams and ferries having been arranged.

### PENINSULA HOTEL THEFTS.

MUCH TELEPHONE WIRE STOLEN.

WORKMAN CHARGED TO-DAY.

Since the evacuation of the Peninsula Hotel by the military, large quantities of telephone wire, to the value of thousands of dollars, have been reported to have been stolen from the premises and, with the appearance of an employee of the Telephone Company on a charge of theft, Mr. D. Tolan, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, intimated that the Company took a serious view of the case.

The coolie was charged before Mr. W. Schofield with larceny of a quantity of wire from the Peninsula Hotel. Accused said he was informed that certain wires had been cut in the Hotel and he had gone there to inspect the premises. He found coils of wire lying on the floor and was taking them back to the Company when arrested.

Mr. D. Tolan, engineer of the Hongkong Telephone Company, said that he received a telephone message from Mr. Field, of the Peninsula Hotel, yesterday, informing him of the arrest of one of the Company's employees. Witness went to the Hotel and saw the defendant and two coils of wire.

Witness asked the defendant where the wires had come from and where he was taking them to, where however, there had been no wires installed. Defendant then took witness to the third floor and pointed out where the wires had been cut. On examining the place, witness found that a number of coils of wire similar to those in Court had been cut and stolen.

Mr. Tolan explained that when the military took over the Peninsula Hotel, the work of installing telephone wires was immediately stopped and on the request of the military, the Company's wires were coiled up and secured to the end of bamboo poles in the service room on each floor.

In order to take the coils of wire away it was necessary to cut them from the wall. By this method the wires leading into the rooms were entirely destroyed, the theft of one coil causing some 200 or 300 feet of wire to become useless.

When questioned by Mr. Tolan, the defendant had said that he was told by a Chinese outside the Hotel that the wires had been cut. He, however, did not know the man who had given him the information.

Witness then asked the defendant if he had ever done work before without the authority either of himself or the chief Chinese inspector; and the accused replied that this was the first time.

Addressing his Worship, Mr. Tolan said that not only had the two coils in Court been stolen but there had been about a dozen others taken away and it would cost the Telephone Company thousands of dollars to replace them. The defendant added Mr. Tolan was a member of the gang which had installed the wires and he knew how essential it was that these wires had to be all in one piece from the rooms to the terminus.

Continuing, Mr. Tolan said the defendant had no authority to take the wires away. Yesterday he was engaged in painting the Kowloon Exchange in Cameron Road.

The defendant, when asked if he had any questions to put to the witness, replied that he found the wire cut and was taking it back to the Company.

Witness, in reply to the Magistrate, said that if defendant had found loose wire lying about, he should have reported to witness through the chief Chinese inspector.

Witness added that no employee of the Telephone Company could enter the Hotel without first obtaining permission.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow morning for the defendant to call a Chinese whom he said he had asked to accompany him to the Company to make a report.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 20.
Paris	124
Geneva	25.27
Amsterdam	12.074
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	24.654
Stockholm	18.07
Oslo	18.34
Prague	19.414
Madrid	20.414
Athens	3.054
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6.3/32
Hongkong	2/0%
Silver (spot)	26.7/16
Silver (forward)	26.5/16

—British Wireless.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, moderate; fine.

### The Very Idea!

The waiter had been very slow in serving dinner, and the diner had grown restless. "Now, waiter," he said "bring me a coffee, will you, and while you're away you might send me a post-card now and then!"

An optimist is a man who goes fishing, and takes a frying-pan with him.

When Jane rejected me, as I have written (Jane was the blonde one).

I sighed, but took my wounds that were love-smitten.

And sought a fond one for consolation in my sorry pass: You were the lass.

And now, it seems, some busy-body fellow.

Who lately met you, I was told, with meaning that I like hair yellow.

And so upset you. You hint you'd do for me: I know—but hark.

Please keep it dark.

Strong opposition to the proposal that professional juries should be set up was made by the Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) in an interview. "I have," he said, "heard Lord Justice Pickford say that in his opinion juries, as juries, were never wrong. He meant that if the verdict of a jury needed to be reviewed, that was not the fault of the jury, but was the fault of those who had not sufficiently discharged the task of laying before the jury all the relevant evidence and the true considerations arising from it. I agree with that."

Midland woman: When a woman has been hard at work all the week she is entitled to a night out and a drink at the week-end.

Judge Cluer, at Shore-ditch: It is healthy and natural for children to be noisy.

Solicitor, at Shore-ditch County Court: What are your husband's assets? Wife: All I know of is an unpaid, for motor-car.

Magistrate at Willesden: How many of you are living there? Woman: Three, including my daughter in service, and my son, who has work in Wales.

A young Aberdonian and his sweetheart were anxiously discussing their plans for the future. "What church will we be married in?" asked the young woman of her betrothed.

"Well," he replied, "I think I'd try'n' that kirk whaur they've a board outside saying 'United Free.'"

If you cannot get up a row on anything else in this country, you can always fall back on theology.—Mr. Lloyd George.

Since the Government races in August there have been such a period of tranquillity in the country as has not been known for a long time.—Mr. Churchill.

The drole induces people to sit by their firesides and think nothing at all of the great adventure by which their forbears built up the great dominions of which we are so proud.—Sir Robert Horne.

Suggestions for "what's wanted" at the International Exhibition of Inventions includes a chemical process for rendering paper fire-proof, to be used for important documents, bank notes, cheques, and so forth. The folding qualities and durability of the paper should not be affected. W. D. Turner has been awarded £1.1s. by the Institute of Patentees for this suggestion.

W. D. Wood has been awarded a similar amount by the Institute for suggesting a magazine hammer which will supply a nail every time the hammer-head strikes, and will drive in the nail with one blow and with the use of one hand only.

A third recipient of an award of £1.1s. is M. W. P. Davey, who suggests a type of vacuum cleaner for clearing leaves and paper and other rubbish from gardens and parks. The cleaner would be attached to a dustbin by a large rubber pipe.

A Scotsman and a Fifer, both of whom were the soul of honour in business, were playing golf for a small side stake. Approaching the last green the match was level, and after helping A to look for his ball, B, remarking that he would play on, finished the hole.

On B's returning to his partner, A shouted that he had found his ball, and played on to secure a half.

Question—What should B do, knowing that he has A's ball in his pocket?

A grass fire caused considerable alarm on the Peak last evening, the noise of the fire apparatus rushing to respond to the call awakening early sleepers. The fire was of small proportions and soon extinguished.



## VICTORIA BRITISH SCHOOL.

## PRIZES DISTRIBUTED THIS MORNING.

## GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

The hall of the Victoria British School was effectively decorated this morning with Christmas greetings when prizes, won by pupils during the year, were distributed by Mrs. K. E. Greig, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends. Those present included Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, Mrs. E. M. Clark, headmistress, and the staff.

## Annual Report.

Mrs. Clark read the annual report dealing with the year's work as follows:—

The attendance during the year has been satisfactory. There have been ten admissions to the Infants Class since Easter. Mrs. Minetti, M.O.B., visited the school several times and reported the "General Health Good." The pupils were vaccinated in March during the smallpox epidemic.

There were several changes in the staff during the year. Mrs. Clark and Miss Stuart proceeded on long leave. Mrs. Morris replaced Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Pryde was appointed to take Class 9. Miss Hendry was transferred to Bellfield Girls' School.

The work generally has been satisfactory throughout the year. Eight pupils sat for the Royal Drawing Society's Examination (Preparatory Division) and all passed with honours. Viola Dorothy Raven is awarded the Government Free Scholarship for Class 7.

I should like to take this opportunity of asking parents to make known the fact that we have accommodation for a few more pupils between the ages of 4 and 9 years. I would like to admit children where possible at the age of 4. They would then stand a good chance of being well-grounded before passing into the Central School. The excellent results in the "Babies' Room," or Class 10, show how much the little ones love school and how able the pupils have been instructed by Mrs. Watt.

## Pupils Entertain.

This was followed by a concert, contributed to by the pupils. The various items included Christmas Carols, songs and recitations. Considering the extreme youth of the children they gave a very good account of themselves and showed evidence of very efficient training on which the staff generally is to be congratulated. The detailed programme was as follows: Song, "Bed in Summer," Classes 9 and 10; song, "The Riddle," Alice Deane and Peggy Eccleshall; recitation, "Missing," George Knight; song, "Rainbow Fairies," Class 9 girls; recitation, "An Apple Rhyme," Billy Pryde and Betty Longbottom; song, "Come to the Fair," Class 7 and 8 boys; recitation, "Bunker," Vera Handyside; song, "In the Gloaming," Classes 7 and 8; song, "Hunting Morn," all pupils; recitation, "Brownies," Moira Wattie; two carols, all pupils.

## Prize List.

The prize list was as follows: Class 7.—Viola Dorothy Raven for proficiency, Mavis Glendenning and John McLeod for progress. Class 8.—Walter Pryde and Joy Booker for proficiency, Dorothy Moss, Alison McKay and Ernie Fowler for progress. Class 9.—Billy Gogg, Vivienne Hollidge, Vera Handyside, Robbie Glen, Henry Bunge, Nancy Duckworth, Harry Middleton, David Parsons, Frank Hughes and Stella Stevenson for progress, Noel Booker for proficiency. Class 10.—Billy Pryde, Ian Handyside, Derek Hollidge, George Knight, John Thornhill, Hyllon Edmondson, Mary Joy Parsons, Jean Ewing, Peggy Eccleshall, Mickey Gibson, Maureen Booker, June Booker, Billy Van Andel, Jack Kelly, Betty Longbottom, Terence Lockhart, Chas. Hosgood, Alice Deane, Moira Wattie, Roy de Rome, Colin de Rome, Hazel Spurgeon, Annette Gibson, Alan Langston and Norman Bell Smith for progress. Miss Betty Longbottom and Master Billy Pryde then presented bouquets of flowers to Mrs. Greig. Mrs. Greig expressed thanks for the gifts and remarked that she thought the results showed that the children had done remarkably well. She concluded by wishing them all a happy holiday.

## Progress Sustained.

Speaking on the school work, Mr. Ralphs referred to the fact that Mrs. Clark had been away for part of the time and that during her absence Mrs. Morris had taken charge of the school. Mrs. Morris, he said, had devoted all her efforts to the work of the school with the result that progress had been sustained. When Mrs. Clark returned she brought with her Miss Stuart, who

## CAPITAL AND LABOUR TO MEET.

## A BIG CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.

## T.U.C. ACCEPT INVITE.

London, Dec. 20.

The General Council of the Trade Union Congress, by a considerable majority, has decided to accept the invitation of a large group of employers, representing over £1,000,000,000 capital, to a joint conference to discuss the industrial problems facing the country.

A Trade Union sub-committee will be formed to consider the most suitable subjects for discussion, and will include Mr. Ben Turner, the Chairman, of the T.U.C., Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., and Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P.

The conferences will probably be held in January.

The employers' invitation was issued from Sir Alfred Mond's house, and was signed by a number of the most prominent industrial magnates, representing 159 public companies.—*Reuter.*

## FRENCH ADMIRAL'S VISIT.

## OFFICIAL LANDING THIS MORNING.

The French cruiser Jules Michelet arrived from Shanghai this morning flying the flag of Rear Admiral Stolz, the new Commander-in-Chief of the French Squadron in Asiatic waters. The usual national and rank salutes were fired as the vessel berthed in the man-of-war anchorage.

Rear-Admiral Stolz, Commander-in-Chief of the French Squadron in Far Eastern Waters, only succeeded to the post recently, and this was his first official call at this port. He was received by the naval and military officials of the Colony, and later, accompanied by the French Consul (M. Dufauré de la Paradière), called on His Excellency the Governor, at Government House.

Rear Admiral Stolz left the Jules Michelet for the official call on His Excellency the Governor, at 10.25 a.m., and landed 10 minutes later. A guard of honour of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was lined up facing the Queen's Pier under the command of Captain Staunton, there being a full brass and pipe band in attendance, with the colours borne by an officer of the regiment.

Captain Whyte, A.D.C., met the Admiral on landing, the band striking up the "Marseillaise," after which the guard of honour was inspected and the party subsequently motored to Government House via Garden Road. With the visiting official were M. de la Paradière, the French Consul, and Flag Lieut. de Badens. Salutes were again fired on landing and embarking.

It is learned that an official dinner to welcome Rear Admiral Stolz will be held at the residence of the French Consul this evening at which most of the local French community will be present, in addition to British naval and military officers, including the Captain of H.M.S. Argus.

It is understood that the Jules Michelet will remain here until December 31st, on which day she will sail for Saigon. She is commanded by Captain de Vinne.

It will be recalled that Rear-Admiral Stolz, who was transferred from the Mediterranean and Levantine Command to succeed Rear-Admiral Basire as French Naval Chief in the Far East, some time ago passed through the Colony on his way to Shanghai to assume his command.

The Jules Michelet is not an unfamiliar visitor here, she having paid a number of calls, since she first joined the French China Squadron several years ago.

had poetical inclinations and would be of great help. Last, but not least, he would refer to Mrs. Pryde. When they had said that she was a mistress that the school could be proud of they had said all.—(Applause.)

Mr. Ralphs concluded by assuring parents that children would be well looked after at the school. He expressed thanks to Mrs. Greig for attending to distribute the prizes.

Interesting examples of work done by the children during the year were laid out for inspection in the school rooms and claimed a good deal of attention. The standard of work was, generally speaking, high, some efforts being exceptionally good.

## TO-DAY'S CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

## SOME SMART SENTENCES IMPOSED.

## "CAT" FOR ROBBERS.

Sentences of three, five, seven and five years hard labour, two of the men so sentenced also being ordered to receive twelve strokes of the "cat," were imposed by His Lordship, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, this morning in less than an hour.

The first case dealt with was that concerning the gold bar theft, case, reported elsewhere, when the defendant, who had been found guilty on Monday, was sentenced.

In the second case, sentence was passed on the man found guilty yesterday of armed robbery at Koshing street. His Lordship, passing sentence of five years' hard labour, said prisoner was one of a gang of persons which came down to Hongkong from Canton to commit robbery here.

## Prompt Police Work.

In the third case, two men pleaded guilty of participation in the robbery at a piece goods shop in Queen's Road Central on November 14. They were charged, with another not in custody, of stealing \$5,180.24.

Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, appearing for the Crown, said the robbery took place at a merchant's shop. The two men, in company, with another, visited the shop about seven o'clock and ordered seven rolls of cloth.

They said they would come back for the goods later. The men reappeared shortly after nine when the shop had closed. It was opened to them and when inside the men whipped out revolvers and held up the manager, assistant manager, accountant and clerk. The telephone wires were cut. Money totalling \$5,180.24 was stolen. When arrested the first prisoner had \$642.65 in his possession and the second \$1,169.40. The remainder of the stolen money was missing. Both men were arrested the same night at the steamer wharves. Nothing was known of the men.

His Lordship, commenting on the arrest said "Very prompt work on the part of the Police Department." The men were sentenced to seven and five years' hard labour respectively, also being ordered to receive twelve strokes of the cat each.

## Alleged Robbery.

The next case before His Lordship concerned a man and a woman, charged with robbery by two or more at Shamshui, on October 28 and at Hungshan on the same day. The first charge was one of stealing five bangles and a gold finger ring and the second stealing a pair of finger rings. Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, appearing for the Crown, said the men were not represented by counsel, pleading not guilty. The case is proceeding.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong, to-day:—Soochow, Luchow, Limehow, De-anha, Kashgar, Kumsang, Fook-sang, Hosang, Tilawa, Linan, Paul Leat, Chenonceaux, President Taft, President Jackson, Bingo Maru, Tango Maru, Menado Maru, Koshun Maru, Akita Maru, Tonjer, Grace Dollar, Helenus, Hermelin, Kiangsu.

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## LANCASHIRE COTTON CRISIS.

## SPINNERS OWE BANKS ABOUT £15,000,000.

## DRASTIC REMEDY WANTED.

London, Dec. 20.

The serious position of the Lancashire cotton trade is further illustrated by the statement of Mr. S. S. Hammersley, the Conservative Member of Stockport, in the House of Commons to-day when he said that 200 mills were in the hands of the Banks who had lent spinners about £15,000,000.

He suggested that the Banks should write off one or two millions of the overdrafts now rather than lose the fifteen millions during the next five years and ruin the Lancashire cotton trade. He said that the only solution was along the line of large-scale amalgamations and the elimination of inefficient concerns.

Mr. C. E. Hobson, the Vice President of the Manchester Cotton Association, declared that if something drastic was not done there would be a collapse.—*Reuter.*

## THE GOLD BARS THEFT.

## SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood passed sentence, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, on the man found guilty of participation in the robbery on board the Wo Fat Shing launch where gold bars were stolen. The case was heard on Monday and adjourned until this morning for defending counsel to address His Lordship in mitigation of sentence.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon said that defendant's relatives did not arrange for the man to be defended until last Saturday, and consequently the first opportunity he had of receiving instructions was on Monday. The man did not appear to grasp anything which was said to him, and as his Lordship would remember, half an hour's adjournment was granted for the man's sanity to be examined.

Mr. Sheldon said he made certain enquiries at that time and the information he acquired was of such a kind that it was decided that a plea of legal insanity could not be sustained and was at once dropped. It was found that the man was 19 years of age and applied to the chief engineer of the ship for a position as a seaman. He had always been a dull-witted and foolish youth and simple-minded. Mr. Sheldon pointed out that defendant did not appear on the scene of the robbery until after the binding and gagging, but did undoubtedly take the wheel of the launch.

"His reward for one of the greatest crimes he could commit was \$50. He was told to take a boat to Canton and did so with the almost certain chance of being captured. Surely these were not the actions of a man with any intelligence at all. This man is a simpleton and was completely under the influence of the three leaders in the robbery. I ask you to deal with him as a foolish and very stupid youth. I ask you to give him such a sentence, that when he comes out of prison he will be able to grow up a decent honest man."

Addressing the defendant, his Lordship said he was satisfied that he was a subordinate in the crime. He would serve three years' hard labour.

## INDIAN GUARD ASSAULTED.

## "CHINESE" ATTACK WITH CHOPPER.

Convicted on a charge of assaulting an Indian guard on board the s.s. Linan shortly after seven o'clock last night, a Chinese was fined \$25 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was further ordered to pay the complainant \$5 compensation, as well as to sign a personal bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

The defendant was stated to have boarded the Linan from a sampan and was ordered down again by the complainant, who had received instructions not to allow anybody on the ship. The defendant later went on board again with a chopper, with which he struck the complainant across the hand.

The defendant alleged that when he went on board to sell congee the guard asked for \$1 before he would be "permitted" to hawk. On refusing to pay the money, defendant was ordered back to his sampan. Later the complainant threw coal into his boat and broke some pots.

## INDIAN CHAUFFEUR ON TRIAL.

## MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE PREFERRED.

## YOUNG WOMAN'S DEATH.

"It was worse than reckless driving, it was a crime against the community, the driver showing total disregard of human life," said Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, opening the case for the Crown in the Criminal Sessions in connexion with the accident outside Jardine's Wharf at West Point, on November 21st, when a young Chinese woman was killed after being knocked down by a motor-car.

In the dock was an Indian, Sandi Khan, who is alleged to have been the driver of the car, a Buick, and who is charged with manslaughter. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Junr., is appearing for the defence.

The Court presented an unusual appearance, the battered radiator, the wings, and other parts of the car being produced as exhibits, while an almost perfect model of the street, showing Jardine's Wharf the six godowns opposite, with lamp-posts, etc., complete, was also exhibited.

## Extensive Injuries.

The extensive nature of the injuries, were described by Dr. Alexander Cannon, the medical officer in charge of Victoria Mortuary. The young woman, he said, was exceptionally healthy, being of the type one usually sees in Europeans.

The primary cause of death was air embolism, and the secondary cause, shock and internal hemorrhage. When he performed the post-mortem, he found the spleen ruptured and the lungs torn. The ribs both sides of the body were broken and one had been driven inwards to the extent that it had punctured the large vein of the body within two inches of the heart. The left upper arm was fractured and the right fore-arm. On the head there was a large gaping wound which would probably have caused death from tetanus or sepsis even had there been no other injuries.

It was quite evident from the nature of the injuries that the woman was walking or running, and from his past experience of similar cases while he was in Canton, he was quite satisfied that the car must have been travelling very fast.

## The Speed Question.

Cross-examined—He could not say the exact speed. He could only say that the car was running at a speed outside the Supreme Court at varying speeds properly checked up.

Mr. d'Almada—Taking into consideration that this was a heavy Buick, would the injuries have been caused had it been travelling at 20 to 23 miles per hour?—I would not call 20 to 23 miles very fast, and I said very fast.

His Lordship—It was going faster in your opinion?—Yes, very much.

An eye-witness of the accident said that it occurred a little after eight o'clock on the evening of November 21st. He heard the car coming, saw it strike two people and run over them.

The car did not sound its horn at any time. At first it was travelling in the centre of the road towards its correct side, but just before the accident it suddenly swerved in towards the kerb, knocking the man and woman down in so doing.

The car passed over the woman's body, swerved right across to the other side of the road, slowing down just a little and then continued on its way without stopping.

## The case is proceeding.

## PRINCE AS ATHLETE.

## WINS SQUASH RACKETS GAME.

London, Dec. 20.

After a fine display of skill and endurance, the Prince of Wales this afternoon defeated Lieutenant Commander Kershaw by three sets to two in the second round of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines squash rackets championship.

Lieut.-Com. Kershaw is a well-known international rugby footballer and generally one of the best British athletes.

By his win, the Prince enters the semi-final of the championship, where he will oppose Lieutenant Commander MacKenzie.—*British Wireless.*

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 16 arrivals and 18 departures, of which four and four respectively were British, leaving 10 vessels in harbour, British 25. Tonnage was low, with British vessels registering poor figures and German carrying the highest freight of the day.



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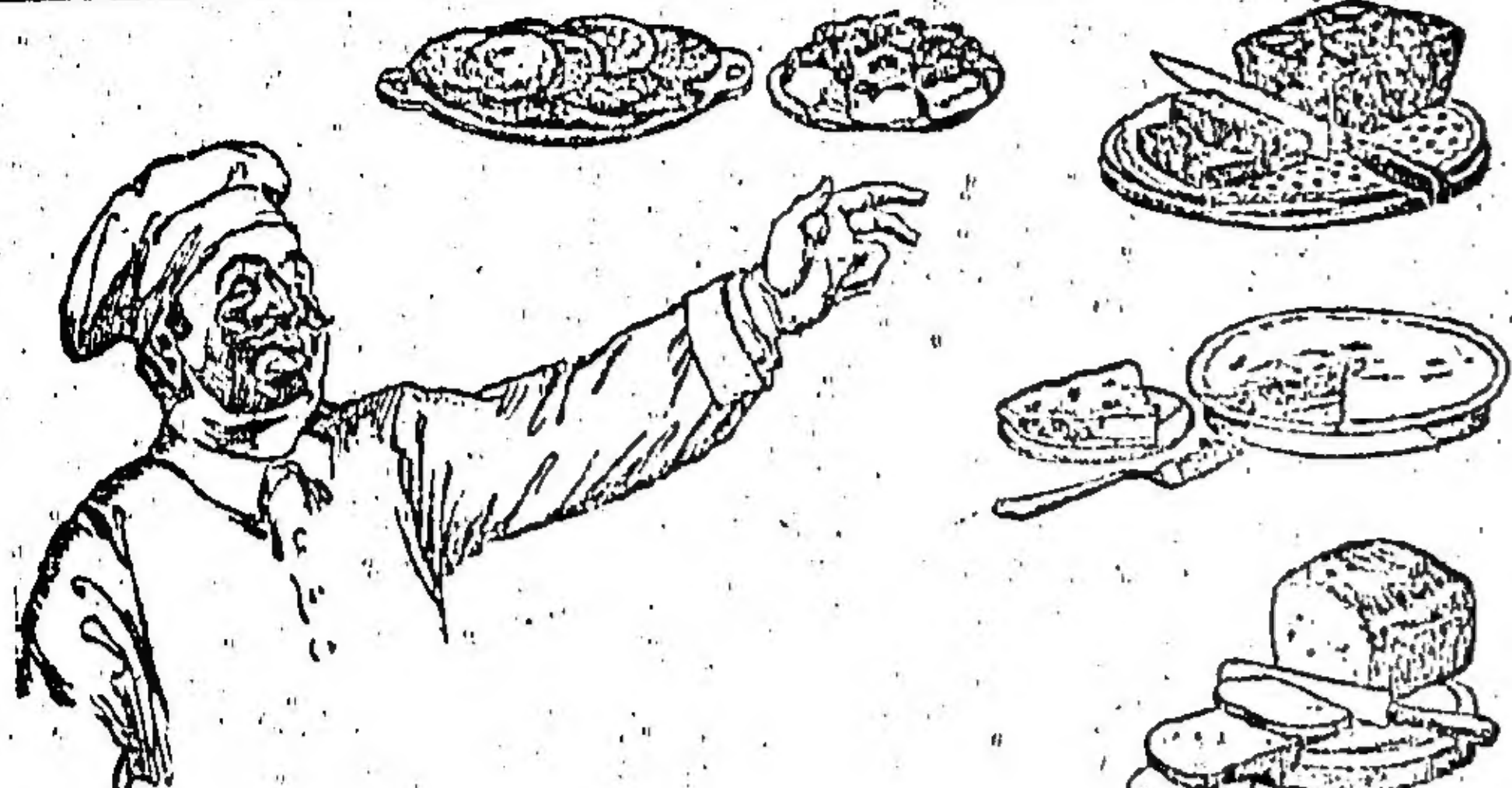
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**Wm. Powell, Ltd.****SUEZ CANAL CONTROL.****ENSURING BRITISH RIGHTS.**

It is gathered, says a political correspondent, that in the conversations between the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, and the Egyptian Premier, Sarwat Pasha, an advance has been made towards agreements on such matters as the maintenance of British control over the Suez Canal, so essential to the security of Empire lines of communication.

Great Britain, too, has obligations for guaranteeing the security of foreign nationals in Egypt, and here again the discussions appear to have been satisfactory.

With these and other points satisfactorily settled the road would be cleared for an Anglo-

Egyptian treaty covering all points left outstanding under earlier agreements and the date accelerated at which Egypt might take its place in the League of Nations.

**Cairo Views.**

Cairo.—Published comments on Mr. Baldwin's Guildhall speech are confined to *Al Balagh*, which states that Mr. Baldwin's speech and the declarations of Sarwat Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, before leaving London, while they may be regarded as satisfactory, require explanation. The newspaper says:

Mr. Baldwin refers to safeguards for essential British interests, but he does not say whether these are to be safeguarded by British arms or entrusted to Egypt as Britain's ally. On the other hand, Sarwat Pasha says, that an

alliance is desirable, but he does not mention whether the way thereto is now open. Therefore we are neither optimistic nor pessimistic, but prefer to await the Premier's return.

Gafar Waly Pasha, the acting Premier, expressed satisfaction at Mr. Baldwin's declarations and hopes for the future, and said the matter would be referred to in the speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament in a week or two.

On the whole political circles are inclined to reserve judgment on the speech. The chances of an agreement being reached with the Wafd (the Nationalist Party) are as remote as ever, having regard to the fact that the latter still adheres to its demands regarding the withdrawal of British troops and the occupation of the Sudan.

## THE WORLD OF SPORT

**CRICKET NOTES.**

[By "Looker On."]

The game on Wednesday last between the Army and the Navy was almost a farce, as the former turned out without five of their best players, namely Dobbie, Erskine, Graham, Bingham and Burton. The Navy, on the other hand, were at full strength except for the absence of Hunt.

The result of the match was an overwhelming victory for the Navy who dismissed the complete Army side twice between 2 and 4 o'clock, both times for under a hundred runs—a very fine performance in spite of the weakness of the Army side. The chief credit for this was due to Thomson, who bowled exceptionally well. He performed the hat-trick in the Army's first innings. The wicket seemed to suit him and he put down a great variety of balls. It is surprising the amount of pace he gains off the wicket considering the shortness of his run before delivering the ball. And he was backed up by good fielding.

The Navy in this respect showed up in marked contrast to the Army. Their catching was really good. With a little more practice, they should prove a better side than was generally expected in the forthcoming Triangular Tournament. Their batting too was good and enterprising. Venn's eighty odd was a very good knock. Dale and Armytage also batted well, the latter indulging in some mighty hitting.

There is little to be said for the Army side. They seemed to play as if their hearts were not in the game at all. There was an entire absence of that "will to win" which is so necessary in a side. Thorpe, perhaps, was not bowling up to his usual form, although he had bad luck at times. He was putting down too much stuff on the leg side and so was expensive. Lance Corporal Miles, of the Queen's has the makings of a good bowler. They tell me he played regularly for the Dover Garrison last year, so he should have a good knowledge of the game. His action is similar to that of Thomson, but he has not yet acquired the knack of gaining the same amount of pace off the wicket as he has. However, he is quite young and keen so I should not be surprised if he improves a great deal in time.

Chief interest in the League games on Saturday centred around the match between Kowloon and the Indian's "A". Both sides were more or less at full strength and the result was a draw. Unless anything unforeseen happens, it is almost impossible for two teams as strong as those participating in this game to bring it to a definite conclusion in three and three quarter hours' play. I must say, as a general rule, I am against juggling with the laws of cricket, but it would be interesting to see how some such scheme as giving each side half the playing time in which to bat would work out in Saturday afternoon League cricket. Failing this, it might be worth while trying the rules adopted for the pick-up game which took place after the recent interport matches. They were (a) Any batsman playing a maiden over lost his wicket and (b) no bowler was allowed to have more than three overs in succession. The game in question certainly produced some lively cricket.

I make the above remarks applicable only to Saturday afternoon League cricket and not in any sense to two or three day matches.

Ramsay, Madar and Curcum are to be congratulated on their innings on Saturday. Ramsay particularly played better than I have seen him do before this season. He was hitting the ball really hard and with the middle of his bat. It is such a pity he cannot ever produce his true form in interport cricket. He would be an invaluable man in the side if only he could overcome his tendency to nervousness.

The controversy over Yorkshire's Captain seems to be at an end "bar the shouting." Captain Worsley has been definitely appointed. It will be interesting to see what further criticism the Home papers have to offer on this latest development. Whatever happens, let's hope the affair will not cause discontent amongst the Yorkshire professionals and so have any ill-effect on their cricket. It is easy to talk after the event, but it seems a shame that it should have been given so much publicity by the Yorkshire Committee.

**CHARITY FOOTBALL.****SCOTLAND'S TEAM AGAINST PORTUGAL.**

In the international football match for the Sunday Herald cup, between Scotland and Portugal, to be played on Monday, the 26th inst. at 3.45 p.m., Scotland's team will be:—Roger (Club); Hirst (Scots Guards); Martin (K. O. S. B.); MacBride (Club); Stewart (Club); Carswell (Scots Guards); Campbell (K. O. S. B.); Humphreys (K. O. S. B.); McNiven (Scots Guards); McGlinchy (K. O. S. B.); and Rev. Alexander (K. O. S. B.). Stewart will be the captain. Reserves:—Farlow (H. H. S. "Titania"); Oram (H. K. P.) and Sherry (H. K. P.).

**CAMBRIDGE'S GOOD SHOW.****VARSITY RELAY RACES.**

London, Dec. 3. Oxford.—In the Inter-Varsity relays, Cambridge beat Oxford by 4 events to 3.

Cambridge's successes were as follows:

The 400 yards race in 38 4/5th secs.  
The 480 yards High Hurdles, in 63 4/5th secs.

The Two Miles Race in 8 min. 9 secs.

The One-Mile Race, in 3 mins. 21 3/5th secs.

Oxford's successes were:—

Four Miles Race in 18 mins. 21 1/5th secs.

The Half-Mile Race, in which Rinkel (Cambridge), finished first but Cambridge were disqualified for a fault in the first change. Rinkel's time was 1 min. 29 secs.

The Half-Mile Low Hurdles Race in 1 min. 44 secs.

**"KID" LEWIS IN SOUTH AFRICA.****WINS AFTER 100-SECONDS.**

London, Dec. 3. Johannesburg.—"Kid" Lewis knocked out Alex Storberk, in the first round of a contest here, dropping him four times with rights to the jaw for counts of nine. The fight lasted 100 seconds.

**WINS HIS MATCH.**

A Reuter telegram to-day states that the Prince of Wales has entered the semi-final of the squash rackets championship of the Navy and Marines by defeating one of the best known players.

The first Test Match in South Africa commences at the end of this week. From the doings, so far, our chances of winning appear quite "rosy."

**NANKING ECHO.****BRITISH PRAISE FOR U.S. NAVY.****HEROIC SIGNALMAN.**

In a letter to the United States Secretary of State, Sir Esme Howard, British Ambassador at Washington, has paid a high tribute to the work of the American navy at Nanking during the troubles of March last when the Nationalist troops occupied the city and a threat of a massacre of foreigners in the city existed. He also expresses thanks for the assistance given by Mr. J. K. Davis, U.S. Consul-General at Nanking and also American officers and sailors, whom he mentions specifically.

Sir Esme's letter reads: "British Embassy, October 13, 1927.—Sir:—In compliance with instructions received from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, I have the honour to convey to you, and through your kind intermediary to those concerned, an expression of His Majesty's Government's cordial appreciation of and thanks for the assistance and co-operation rendered at Nanking in March last by Mr. J. K. Davis, United States Consul at Nanking; and by the following officers and men of the United States Navy:

Rear Admiral Hough, U.S.N., commanding the Yangtze Patrol; "Lieut.-Commander R. C. Smith, U.S.N., commanding U.S.S. No. 4; "John D. Wilson, Signalman, U.S.S. No. 4;

"D. Taylor, Signalman, U.S.S. Preston; "H. S. Warren, Signalman, U.S.S. Preston.

"In this connexion I have the honour to enclose extracts from the reports submitted at the time of the Commander in Chief of the China Squadron, stating briefly the individual service rendered. I have the honour, etc., Esme Howard."

**Extracts Submitted.**

"I desire to place on record the very close co-operation and the assistance I received from Lieut.-Commander R. C. Smith, U.S.N., Commanding the U.S. No. 4, and from Rear Admiral Hough, U.S.N., commander of the Yangtze Patrol, after his arrival in his flagship U.S. Isabel. I received every consideration and assistance from Rear Admiral Hough and but for the close co-operation of Lieut. Commander Smith in preparing plans for evacuation before the events of March 2 the result under far more difficult conditions than had been foreseen could hardly have been so successful. Our combination was made easier by the personality and mutual co-operation of the American Consul, Mr. J. K. Davis. In my opinion it was in a very large degree due to Mr. Davis that the evacuation of the foreigners from Soony House was achieved, and I consider that British as well as American subjects owe him a very deep debt of gratitude. I find it difficult to express the admiration I feel for this very gallant gentleman.

**British Co-Operation.**

"I desire to draw attention to the very close co-operation between H.M. ships at Nanking and the ships of the U.S. Navy during and after the events of March 24, and this still continues. Admiral Hough sailed up river in his flagship Isabel on March 31, when the U.S. Destroyer Ford arrived at Nanking. Before sailing the Admiral thanked me personally and in writing for the assistance and hospitality afforded by Emerald and Wolsey to American refugees. He further expressed deep appreciation of the frank and complete co-operation between us in our consultations, plans and operations.

"I felt the same obligation to Admiral Hough and I also wish to emphasize again my appreciation of the services of Lieut. Commander R. C. Smith of the U.S.S. No. 4 and Mr. J. K. Davis, the American Consul, without whose close and very willing co-operation the lives of the British subjects at Nanking would have been still further endangered, and I consider that they both deserve official recognition from His Majesty's Government.

**Heroism of U. S. Signalman.**

"As I have already mentioned Soony House was manned by American signalmen from the two destroyers No. 4 and Preston and I consider these men performed very fine work keeping communication with the ship although they were continually snipped at by Nationalist soldiers. Full information was sent by signals concerning when the first foreigners started coming over the wall, the time it would take for all of them to get over, which worked out to an exact minute, and when the last was coming over, besides additional signals which were most

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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

**"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.**

Matches to be played on December 24th:—

**DIVISION I.**

Arsenal	v.	Everton.
Derby	v.	Birmingham.
Sheffield U.	v.	Bolton W.

**DIVISION II.**

Fulham	v.	Blackpool.
Leeds	v.	Stoke.

**DIVISION III (SOUTH).**

Newport	v.	Southend.
Plymouth	v.	Crystal P.

**DIVISION III (NORTH).**

Bradford	v.	Chesterfield.
Halifax	v.	Wrexham.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**

Clyde	v.	St. Mirren.
Hamilton	v.	St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock	v.	Hearts.

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Bradford	v.	Chesterfield.
Halifax	v.	Wrexham.
Clyde	v.	St. Mirren.
Hamilton	v.	St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock	v.	Hearts.

**LOCAL CRICKET.**

The following will represent the Civil Service in a League match against the H.K. University on the Civil Service ground on Saturday next at 2 p.m.:—G. R. Sayer (Capt.), A. E. Wood, F. J. Ling, A. W. B. C. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, B. C. K. Hawkins, F. J. Ling, A. W. Grimmit, W. H. Edmonds, H. E. Strange and F. H. Holdman.

**FLYING ENDURANCE.****RECORD NEARLY EQUALLED.**

San Francisco, Dec. 20. Navy Lieutenant George Pond, and the Australian, Captain Charles Kingford Smith, who took off in a three-engined Fokker machine in an attempt to break the endurance record of 52 hours, 22 minutes, were forced to land at the Drill Field aerodrome at the end of 49 hours, 27 minutes, owing to the exhaustion of their fuel. Reuter's American Service.

useful. I am submitting as an enclosure to this report a list showing the names of the three American signalmen who maintained communication under fire:—John Dehlgreen Wilson, U.S.S. No. 4; D. Taylor, U.S.S. Preston; and H. C. Warren, U.S.S. Preston."



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#### INQUIRY INTO MOTOR BOAT TRAGEDY.

A defective carburettor, minus two of its caps and two securing nuts from the sparking plugs, was stated to have been the most probable cause of the fire which broke out on board a motor boat on which a party of picnickers was travelling from Sai Kung to Nam Tau on Sunday, November 27, when during attempts to escape from the burning boat five of the passengers lost their lives.

As a result of the fatality a Coroner's inquiry was held by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with the following jury—Messrs. A. P. Vas, (foreman), H. F. Jason and Y. A. Wahab.

The inquest was an investigation into the circumstances of the deaths of Mrs. Alleye, Miss Tai, Miss Chan Tim, and Messrs. Lai King-ling, Jamieson and Ip Kau, who were passengers on the motorboat.

Mr. Robert Hall, assistant Government Marine Surveyor, was called to give evidence of an examination of the motorboat after the fire. He said that he inspected the motorboat Tung Yat Fat, at Sai Kung. It was similar to those plying for hire at Queen's Pier and was of the open type with a Class 2 licence. It had accommodation for 14 passengers, but when plying within the limits of the harbour it could carry twenty.

Witness said that with the exception of the awning over the engine having been burned and the woodwork charred, the boat was not damaged. The carburettor was in a very bad condition. Two caps were missing while from the sparking plugs the securing nuts had disappeared. The engine as far as could be seen was not burned. There was no life saving apparatus on board the boat when witness examined it.

#### Possible Cause of Fire.

Questioned by the Coroner, Mr. Hall said that the absence of the carburettor caps and the spark plug nuts would cause the petrol to pre-ignite, which would result in a back fire, thus causing the pre-ignition to set fire to the motorboat. Witness was of the opinion that this was the most probable way the fire had originated.

With the carburettor in such a condition, a spark from a cigarette would also cause a fire, while on the other hand witness said that a carburettor in perfect order would not be likely to cause fire to the engine through a spark of a cigarette.

The boat was licensed on October 22, having been surveyed two days previous to that date. It was then equipped with four life buoys, two sand boxes (each a ten inch cube), and two chemical fire extinguishers. Although it was stated in the permit that there should be seven life belts on board, witness said that there were no belts on the boat when the survey was made.

When the boat was inspected after the accident, witness only saw the two sand boxes, one of which had been partly used.

Dr. Dovey gave evidence of performing post mortem examinations on the bodies of the six persons. All the bodies showed signs of asphyxia by drowning which was the cause of death in each case.

#### Bodies Recovered.

Sergeant Hudson testified to finding the body of Mrs. Alleye floating in the water at Nam Tau Sha near the landing steps. The bodies of Miss Tai and Mr. Jamieson were found on the rocks at Cheung Pai Tau (Port Shelter), while the others were recovered on the rocks in the vicinity of Nam Tau Sha. The remains of Mrs. Alleye were found the day after the tragedy, Miss Tai on December 1 and the others on December 3.

Witness also saw the motorboat on the beach about a mile north of Nam Tau Sha. There was no life saving paraphernalia on board nor did he find any belts or buoys on the shore.

In reply to Divisional Inspector Aris, witness said that he had seen the Tung Yat Fat on four or five occasions during the past five months, but he had never seen it carrying more than ten or twelve passengers.

Mr. Chan Chao-chi, of the Central Trading Company, was next called. He said that a party of fifteen, including himself, went to Sai Kung on the afternoon of Sunday, November 27. On reaching Sai Kung the party went for a short walk and then boarded the Tung Yat Fat for Nam Tau Sha, leaving the wharf at 3 p.m.

Engine Trouble Develops.  
When Mr. Chan's party boarded there were already two or three passengers on the boat, while five or six arrived shortly afterwards. Almost immediately after leaving Sai Kung the motorboat developed engine trouble. It stopped about a dozen times

during the journey to Nam Tau Sha.

Witness said that there were four members of the crew and during the whole of the trip they were smoking. Witness had warned them against this practice when the engine was giving the trouble. When about one hundred yards from the shore at Nam Tau Sha, witness said that the crew was again attempting to start the engine, when suddenly one of the seamen shouted that the boat was on fire.

Witness gave the order for the petrol tap to be turned off while two members of the crew tried to smother the flames with a sack which, not having been previously made wet, merely burned. The attempt was then repeated with a Chinese quilt, but this was similarly useless. The women-folk became panic-stricken and witness urged them to remain calm.

Just as he was trying to pull it down the awning caught fire and then the women made a frantic rush to the stern of the boat. Three of the girls either jumped or fell overboard and witness, seeing their plight, threw some planks to them. He himself later lost his balance and fell into the water. After being carried a short distance from the boat by the current, witness swam back, and was told by his wife that the fire had been extinguished.

Several Rescues Effected.  
On boarding, he saw several members of the party in the water. He shouted to a boat which had approached them to rescue Miss Alleye. This boat rescued several of those in the water, including Miss Alleye. Later the party got a sampan and went ashore, returning to Hongkong by a launch, which they found in the vicinity.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that the crew paid no heed to his warning about smoking. There were no life buoys or belts on board the boat as far as witness could see.

Answering Divisional Inspector Aris, witness said that there were about 30 persons on board altogether. The weather was fine and the sea calm. Witness did not consider that the number of passengers made the journey dangerous.

Continuing he said that the passengers were searched by an Indian constable prior to leaving, Sai Kung. The constable made no complaint about the excessive number of passengers. There were two oars on board, said witness in reply to a further question.

When asked why two members of the party did not attempt to row the boat ashore as soon as the fire started, witness said that during the journey Mr. Lun had offered to assist the crew by rowing the boat, but he was refused permission to use the oars.

Questioned further, witness said that the crew did not actually refuse to allow Mr. Lun to use the oars, but when he asked them they made no reply to his offer.

In answer to the jury, witness said that he did not think the fire was caused by a lighted cigarette. It was just as the crew cranked up the engine that the fire started.

Replying to a further question witness said that he did not see Mrs. Alleye after the fire. The inquiry was adjourned.

### MALTING BARLEY.

#### GOVERNMENT DECIDES NOT TO IMPOSE TAX.

London, Dec. 20.

In a memorandum issued as a White Paper the Government gives reasons for rejecting the proposal to place a customs duty on imported malting barley. The view is taken that the customs duty would be difficult to administer and would be open to the possibility of evasion, while it would impose irritating restrictions on all traders in barley and malt, and would be of doubtful advantage to the farmer.—British Wireless.



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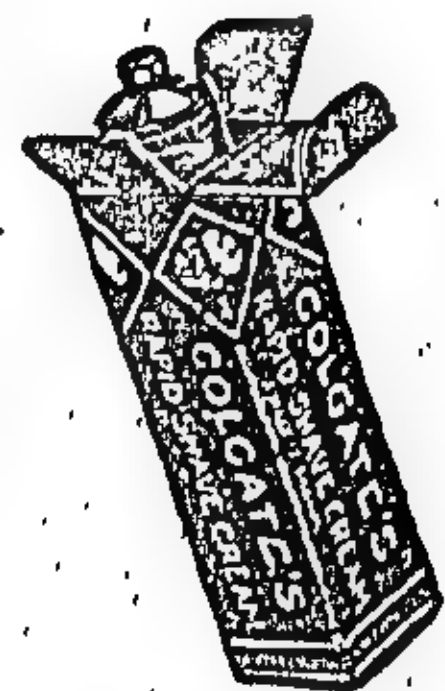
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### THE MANSLAUGHTER CASE.

PRISONER ACQUITTED AT  
SESSIONS.

"The evidence of this man's complicity is no more than mere suspicion," said Mr. F. C. Jenkin, in asking Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions, this morning, to find that the Crown had not made out a *prima facie* case against the Chinese charged with the manslaughter of a coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Company.

The case was that in which three men are alleged to have assaulted a fourth and pushed him into the harbour.

After hearing Mr. Fitzroy on behalf of the Crown, Sir Henry Gollan directed the jury to find the prisoner not guilty, and accordingly discharged him.

Prior to this, Mr. F. C. Jenkin pointed out the discrepancies in the evidence submitted by the Crown. The lay witnesses said that the culprits ran under the verandah until they disappeared into Jubilee Street. Two of the men, they said, were in black clothes and one in white. The police witnesses, on the other hand, said they saw three men running, two in white and one in black. They said also that the men ran obliquely across the road. It seemed from the evidence of the Crown that there were two parties, a culprit party and a non-culprit party. The man in the dock was one of the non-culprit party.

Any evidence against the prisoner was so delicately supported that he submitted the Crown could not possibly succeed. It must be remembered that the lay witnesses lost sight of the running men, and that the police lost sight of those they saw two or three times.

Mr. Fitzroy, replying, said that the police were on the scene very quickly. There were very few other people about at 1.30 a.m., and it was difficult to imagine two parties of three men running. He suggested that the men seen to turn into Jubilee Street by the lay witnesses and those seen by the police were the same party.

His Lordship:—They were seen under different circumstances entirely. You don't meet the point. There is a distinct difference between three men running under a verandah, and three men running obliquely across the road. How do you get over that? Possibly Mr. Jenkin is right when he says there were two parties of three. Your witnesses, directly disagree on the course taken by the fugitives.

Mr. Fitzroy:—There is unfortunately a difficulty about the metamorphosis of colour, but on a night like this there were very few people about and it seems difficult to believe that there were two parties of running men. It would be strange for one party to disappear into thin air and another appear on the scene from apparently nowhere.

His Lordship, addressing the jury, said that throughout the Crown's case, placing it at its highest, he had felt it was a very fine one. The Crown carried the onus of satisfying the Court, and it seemed to him that the evidence submitted was not sufficient to justify him allowing it to go to a jury.

A verdict of "Not Guilty" was recorded on His Lordship's direction, and the prisoner was discharged.

### FRENCH NAVY.

CHAMBER PASSES  
PROGRAMME.

Paris, Dec. 20.  
The Chamber has voted a Bill authorising the laying down, between July 1st, 1927 and June 30th, 1928, one cruiser, six destroyers, five first-class submarines, a submarine mine-layer and two scouts in continuation of the naval programme.—*Reuter*.

### LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

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### DEATH OF FAMOUS NAVAL OFFICER.

VICE-ADMIRAL CHARLES  
JOHNSTONE.

London, Dec. 4.  
The death of Vice Admiral Charles Johnstone recalls that he commanded the "Camperdown" during the manoeuvres in the Mediterranean in 1893, when Admiral Sir George Tryon, on board the "Victoria," signalled a movement by an error of judgment. Vice-Admiral Johnstone obeyed, and the evolution resulted in the "Camperdown" ramming the "Victoria."

The flagship sank in a few minutes, Admiral Tryon and 358 members of the crew being drowned.

[The late Admiral Sir George Tryon was appointed to command the Mediterranean Fleet. In August, 1891, and he proceeded to follow the example of his erstwhile chief, Sir Geoffrey Hornby, by making the squadron a definitely evolutionary and, in that sense, experimental squadron. On June 22nd, 1893, when the Mediterranean Fleet was off Tripoli in two columns, Tryon ordered the Fleet to invert its course, the ships turning in succession. As the result of a fatal error, the psychological cause of which has never been definitely established, the Admiral ignored the fact that the two lines of vessels were in such close proximity that the manoeuvre, as ordered, entailed the most serious risk of collision. The two leading ships collided, with the result that the "Victoria," Tryon's flagship, was cut open and sank in a few minutes.]

### SHARE PRICES.

#### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Hongkong Bank, \$1155 s.  
Chartered Bank, £214 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., £133 n.  
P. and O. £10 n.  
East Asia, \$62 n.

#### Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$580 b.  
Union Ins., \$293 b.  
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.  
Yanhsze Ins., \$164 b.  
China Underwriters, \$140 n.  
China Fire, \$215 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$655 b.

#### Shipping.

Douglases, 2407 b.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$214 b.  
H. K. Tugs, \$2 b.  
Indo-Chinas, (Pref.) \$30 n.  
Shell Trans., 90/- n.  
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.

#### Mining.

Benguets, \$21 n.  
Kailans, 60/- s.  
Langkats, Tls. \$182 b.  
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 s.  
Rauhs, \$37 n.  
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$32 b.  
China Providents \$340 b.  
Hongkew's, Tls. 158 b.  
New Engineerings, Tls. 5 s.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90 n.

#### Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. \$7.05 b.  
Orientals, Tls. 12 n.  
Shai Cottons, Tls. 461 b.

#### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$7.20 s.  
H. K. Lands, \$61 b.  
Shai Lands Tls. 124 b.  
Humphreys, \$13.86 b.  
Realities, \$7.30 b.  
Territorials, \$11 s.

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$211 s.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.  
Star Ferries, \$58 b.  
China Lights, (omb.) \$13.40 b.  
H'kong Electrics, \$584 n.  
Macao Electrics, \$44 b.  
Telephones \$3.9 n.  
China Buses, Tls. 62 n.  
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

#### Industrials.

China Sugars, \$77 b.  
Malabons, \$30 s.  
Canton Ice, \$21 b.  
Cements (Comb.) \$6.60 s.  
Ropes (Old) \$5 b.  
United Asbestos \$10 s.  
Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$144 b.  
Watsons, \$11 n.  
Der A. Wing, \$5 s.  
Lane Crawfords, \$2.50 b.  
Mackintosh, \$22 s.  
Sinceres, \$72 n.  
Wm. Powells, \$3 b.

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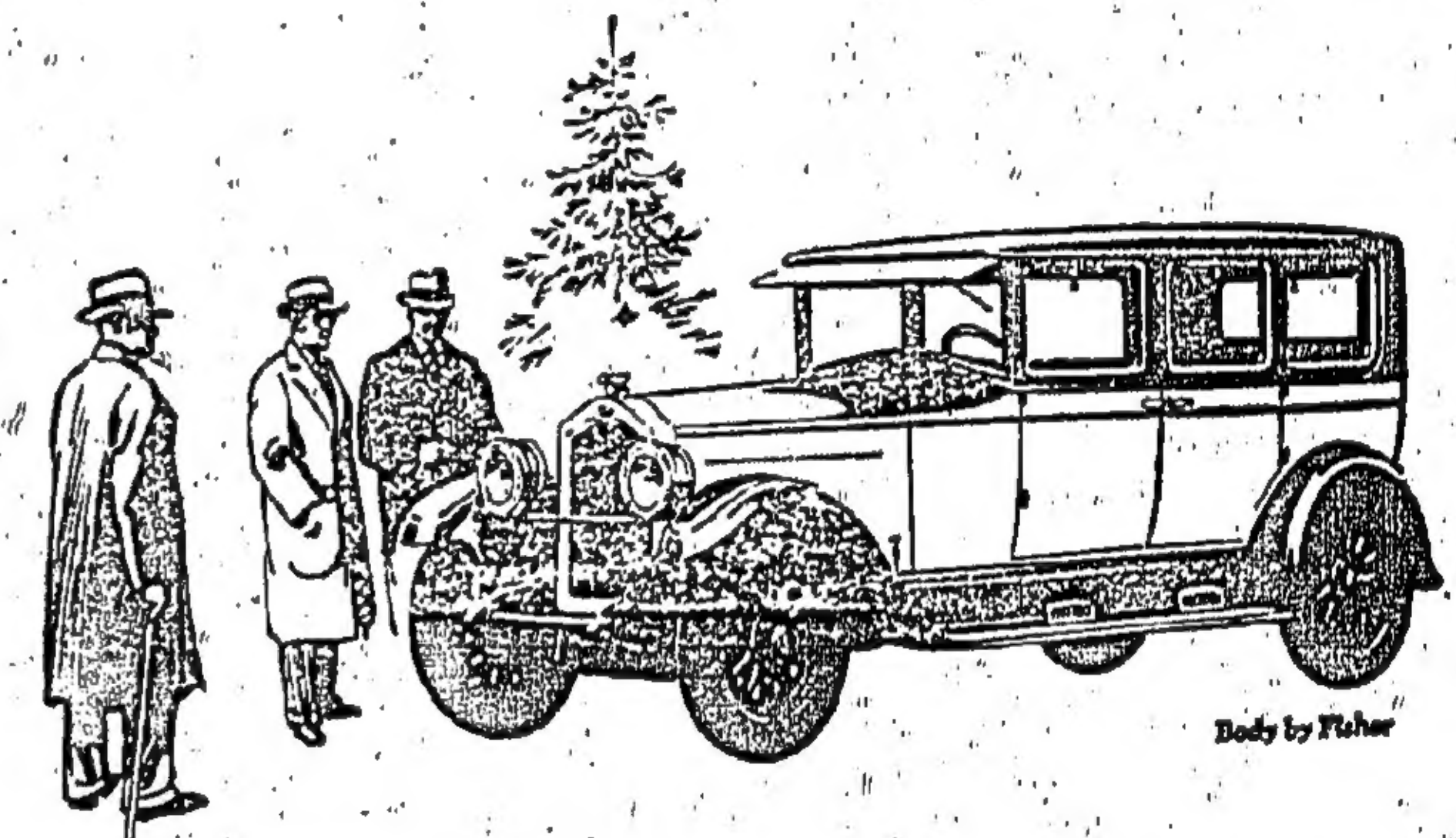
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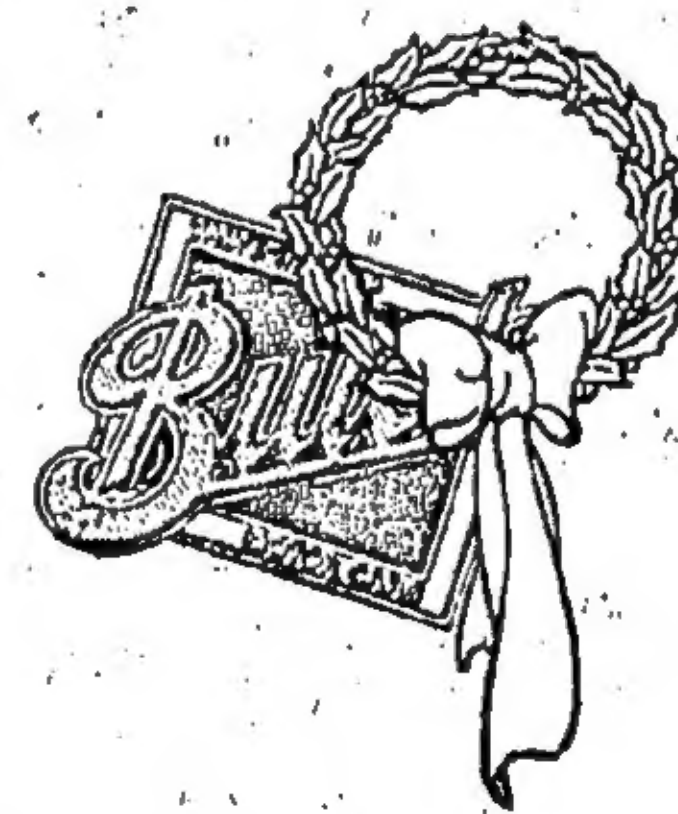
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Budapest, November 1.—An experiment has just been made in an institute for deaf and dumb children in Zagreb which may set science on the way to forcing the prison of the deaf. A number of children were made to "listen in" to a powerful radio while a classical opera was being broadcast, and out of a hundred and twenty children, only four heard

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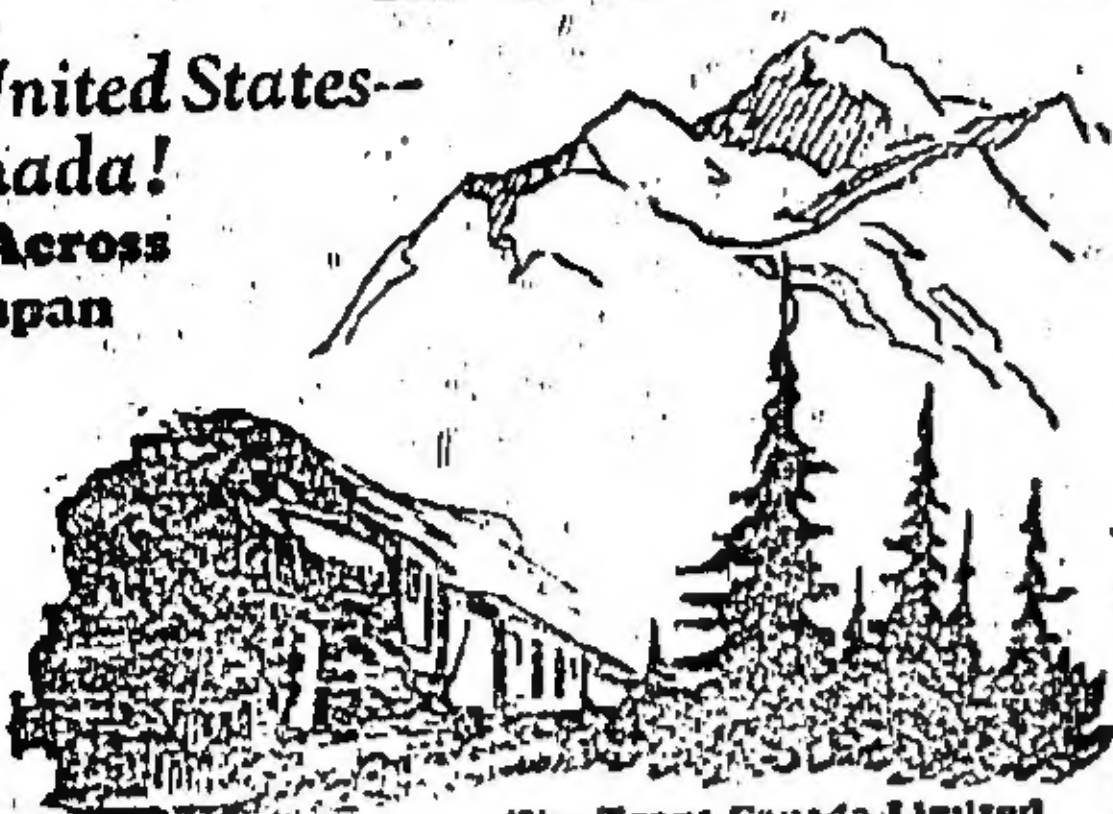
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### THEFT OF GAS.

MANAGER THINKS STAFF CORRUPTED.

In the course of the hearing of the case against A. A. Remedios, an ex-employee of the Hongkong & China Gas Company, Mr. L. J. Blackburn, the Manager of the Company stated under cross-examination that a number of members of the office staff were suspected of being guilty of the practice for which Remedios was charged. Mr. Loo D'Almada e Castro, who was representing the defendant, remarked that Mr. Blackburn chose defendant as a scapegoat for the alleged malpractices of the office staff.

Mr. F. E. Thompson the Company's accountant was recalled and Mr. D'Almada cross-examined, asking what would have happened if inaccuracies were found in an account of a consumer who was not on the staff of the Company.

Mr. Thompson replied that an amended account would be sent, and if it was paid unchallenged no further steps would be taken. Evidence was given by Chinese employees of the Gas Company to the effect that the defective meter in Remedios' house was removed on November 18 and replaced by a new one. On November 19, the new meter was removed away and it then registered 800 cubic feet as having been consumed.

An employee of the Gas Company, who was described as a meter waterer, his duty being to put water into the meters, informed the Court that six years ago he attempted to enter Remedios' house to fill the meter with water. He was then told by the inmates that the water would be filled all right and he had never called again since that time.

A meter reader in evidence stated that since 1925 he had not been reading defendant's meter, but informed the Court that the meter book had been filled up every month.

In reply to Mr. R. A. Wadson (for the prosecution) witness said that he was responsible for the entries in the meter book when he was examining the meters of the district covered by that book.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 11.15.

### GUN-RUNNING PLOT.

LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS BY JAPANESE.

Osaka, Dec. 20.

Large scale gun-running has just been discovered at Kobe, according to Press reports. It appears that about 50,000 revolvers and ammunition had been smuggled from Germany and Belgium during the past nineteen months by fifty-four Japanese, who have now been arrested. The arms have been re-smuggled out to China, altogether amounting to Yen 5,000,000.

Reuter.

### PEAK SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Yesterday was gala day at the Peak School, when the pupils, their parents and interested visitors turned up in force to the number of over two hundred, to be entertained by a very pretty performance that was staged in conjunction with the ceremony of distribution of prizes at the end of the school-year. Amongst those present at this lively gathering were Lady Stuart Taylor, Mr. A. E. Wood, the Director of Education, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, Rev. Copley Moyle, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. A. H. Crook, Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, and many parents and friends of the School.

Before the prizes were distributed by Lady Stuart Taylor, Mr. E. Ralphs read the annual report of the Headmistress (Mrs. Stark) as follows:

#### Attendance.

The school year began on January 10 with 62 pupils and closed on December 22 with 63 pupils. In April there was a large exodus of children to England and America. The numbers thus decreased in the Summer term but by Autumn the School was again well filled. The average attendance for the year is 61.

The school has been visited from time to time by Dr. Minnett and the pupils, thoroughly examined. Very few reports of defects were made and with the exception of a few cases of measles in Spring the school has been quite free from illness. Owing to the measles cases we closed school three days earlier at Easter to have it painted. These three days were made up by closing school later for the summer vacation.

#### The Staff.

There have been no changes in the Staff save in the visiting Gymnasium Mistress. Miss Dyer went on leave and was replaced by Miss Jaques early in the year. Thanks to Miss Jaques the children now have organised games and Net Ball which they greatly enjoy.

During the year good work has been done in all Classes, and the Examination results have proved satisfactory. Fifteen children were presented for the Royal Drawing Society Examination in June, with the following results: Honours 4, Passes 8.

Regarding the Prize List, I would like to say that all the tiny children get a prize, which makes the rewards seem large in proportion to the number of pupils.

I would like to thank the Rev. Mr. Copley Moyle for so kindly helping us every Wednesday. We shall miss him and we wish him every happiness at home.

Thanks are due to each member of the Staff and to Mrs. Griffin who very kindly played the piano for us last week when one member of the staff was ill.

#### The Prize List, 1927.

Class 10.—Sis Hofstede, Ann Marcel, Geoffrey Brearley, David Cook, Paul Hofstede, Beverleigh Bulbridge, Erica de Rome, Dorita Breakpear, John Wood, Patricia Tod, Mary Frances Wallace, Dick

### THE PRAYER BOOK.

IMPASSE CONSIDERED BY BISHOPS.

London, Dec. 20.

The impasse created by the rejection in the House of Commons of the Prayer Book measure was considered yesterday at a full conference of the bishops. Many suggestions have been advanced for overcoming the present difficulty and the feature common to most of them is a desire to rule out disestablishment and to maintain substantially the balance of the deposited book on which the House of Commons cast an adverse vote.

The newspapers state that minor amendments of the proposed new Prayer Book were yesterday considered, that might have the effect of conciliating some of the opposition without destroying the unity that had, after great efforts, been secured among men of different schools of thought. In view of the seriousness of the issues involved, it is probable that only an interim statement will be issued this week by the bishops.—British Wireles.

#### Bell, George Syme Thomson,

Daphne Griffin, Mathe Curviller, Jacqueline Hargreaves Brown, Jimmie Mackenzie, Tony Evers.

Class 9, Division 1.—Peter Cornaby 1st Prize, Anne Cookes 2nd Prize.

Division 2.—Alison Kinghorn 1st Prize, Wendy Remington 2nd Prize.

Class 8.—Malloch Stark 1st Prize, John Mitchell 1st Prize, Richard Cassidy 2nd Prize.

Class 7 (Preparatory).—Audrey Jackson 1st Prize, Kathleen Wolfe 2nd Prize.

Class 6, Senior Division.—Marion Lane 1st Prize, Muriel Gabbay 2nd Prize, Betty Michell Special Prize.

Junior Division.—Nancy Hornell 1st Prize, Shiona Mackichan 2nd Prize.

Royal Drawing Society Certificate Division 1. Honours Certificate.—Marion Lane, Joan Frank, Shiona Mackichan.

Pass Certificate.—Betty Michell, Nancy Hornell, Cecily Clementi, Dione Clementi.

Preparatory Division, Honours Certificate.—Audrey Jackson.

Pass Certificate.—Doreen Hyman, Kathleen Wright, Oskar Bitzer, Helen Lindsell.

In thanking Lady Stuart Taylor for her services, Mr. Ralphs commented on the excellent work performed by the Headmistress and Staff of the School. He called for three cheers both for Lady Stuart Taylor and for Mrs. Stark which were heartily given.

An excellent programme of recitations and songs by the children of the School opened the proceedings. A notable feature of these was the staging of Nursery Songs, living characters in which stepped out from a huge replica of a book of Nursery Songs, and provided as it were so many effective tableaux.

The performance was thoroughly enjoyed, and the Headmistress and her assistants are to be congratulated on this and other evidences of their devoted care of the children.



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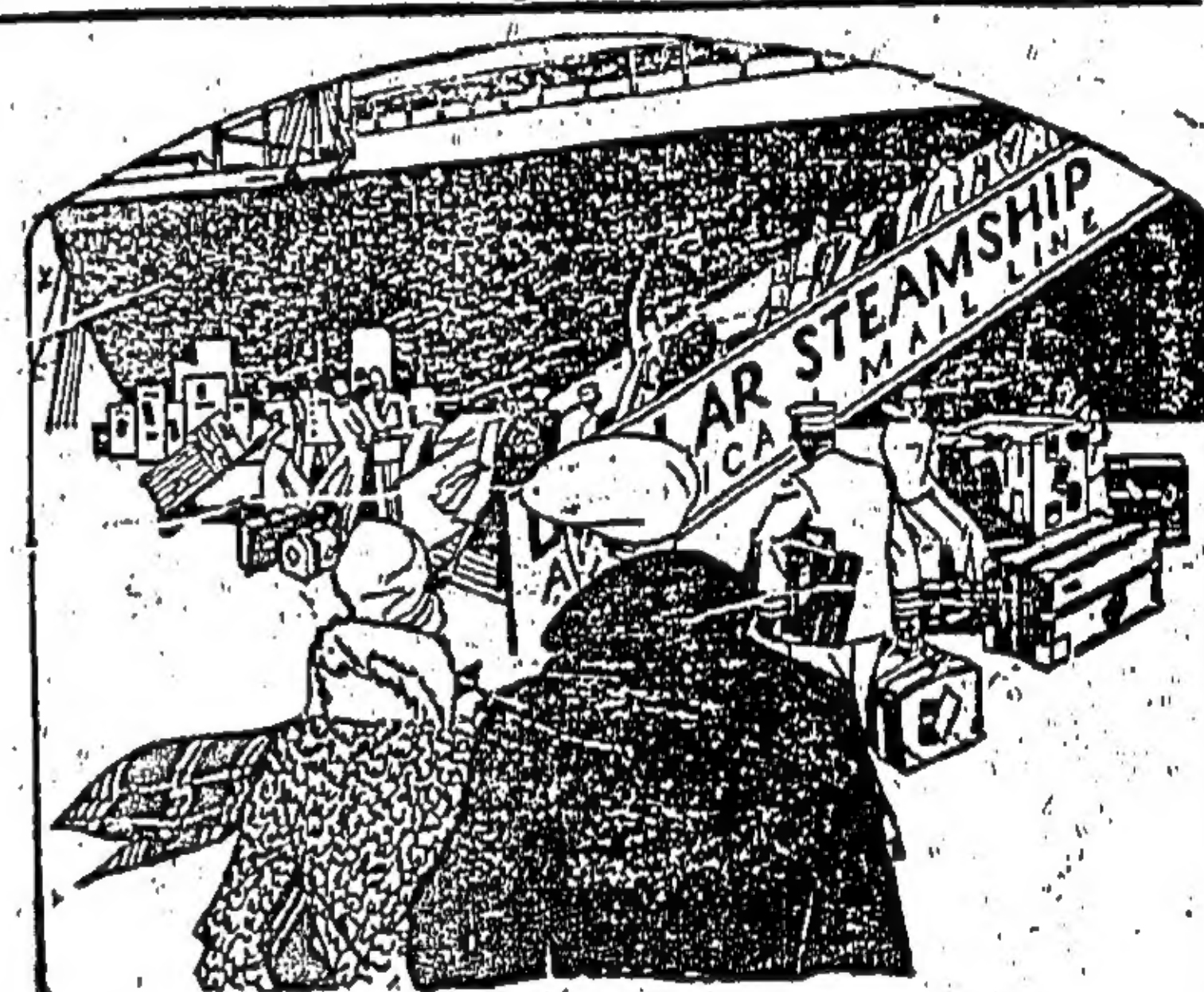
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EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA ON FEBRUARY 10.

The palatial Canadian Pacific Ocean liner Empress of Australia is due to arrive at Hongkong on her round-the-world cruise on Feb. 1, and after three days' sightseeing, will leave for Shanghai on February 13, and from there her passengers will disembark and board a special train which will take them to Peking, where they will stay for four and a half days' sightseeing.

The party will leave Peking in the morning of February 25, and on embarking at Chiawangtiao, the ship will leave there for Japan, where ten days will be spent visiting Beppu (famous hot springs), Kobe, Kyoto, Nara, Yokohama, Kamakura, Tokyo, with an optional trip to Nikko. From thence the steamer will proceed to Honolulu, which will include a visit to the Kilauea volcano, the next port of call being San Francisco. Stops are made at Balboa, Ancon, Panama City, Old Panama, Colon, Christobal, Havana, New York, thence, Cherbourg and the voyage will be terminated at Southampton.

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## MR. AMERY'S TOUR.

LEAVES NEW ZEALAND FOR CANADA.

London, Dec. 20.

The Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, Colonial Secretary, who is making a tour of the Dominions has left Auckland, New Zealand, for Canada. The New Zealand Premier, Mr. Coates, emphasises the

## ATTEMPTED PIRACY.

B. AND S. VESSEL ATTACKED IN THE DELTA.

A report has been received, relative to an attack made on the China Navigation Co.'s steamer Linan, when that vessel was coming down from Canton on Saturday last. The full statement is as follows:

At 3.15 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, the s.s. Linan of the C. N. Co. was warned by the s.s. Tung On, that a suspicious launch was lying in wait below Canton. The necessary precautions were taken though it was hardly thought that the pirates would attack in daylight.

The pilot took the Central Channel instead of the usual Eastern Channel at Amhurst, which was reached about 4.00 p.m. The suspected launch, flying the Nationalist flag, was stopped by the ship, and already being stopped by the s.s. Linan, the pirates' ruse to the Nationalist vessel was the use of Military Authorities, the pirates' ruse to the Nationalist vessel was the use of Military Authorities, the pirates' ruse to the Nationalist vessel was the use of Military Authorities.

As it was, all speed was made in an effort to escape. The pirates shouted in Chinese, "Stop the ship! Stop the ship!" but no notice was taken. The occupants of the launch, which was completely enclosed in armour-plating, then tried to grapple the ship with a hook on the end of a long bamboo pole, at the same time opening a fusillade of rapid rifle fire.

Gradually the pirates were observed to cut across and hook on to a Chinese junk, several shots were heard. The bullets fired at the Linan were all point-blank at the bridge, in an effort to drive the ship ashore, or scaring by shooting those on duty, or scaring them from the bridge. In this the pirates were unsuccessful though in the height of the bombardment, when the bridge was being swept with rifle fire, the wheel had to be abandoned for a few moments.

It was soon afterwards seized by the officers who laid on the deck and worked it from that position. A bullet went through the captain's deck-chair in which a few minutes before he had been sitting and other hits showed that the missiles had passed within inches of the second officer's and the quartermaster's heads.

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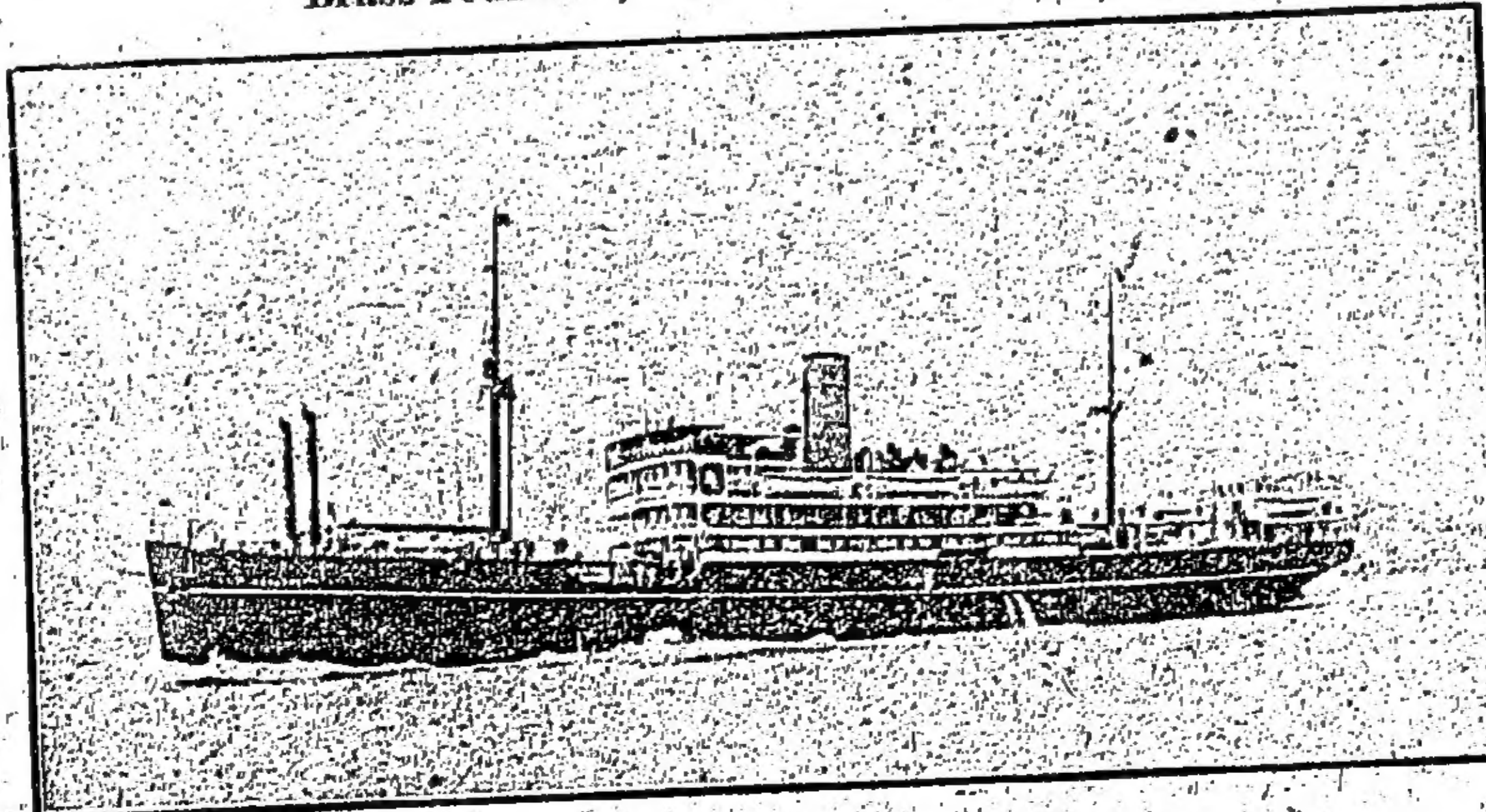
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DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NELLORE	6,853	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHYA	9,135	10th Mar.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	M'ses, L'don, A'werp & Hull
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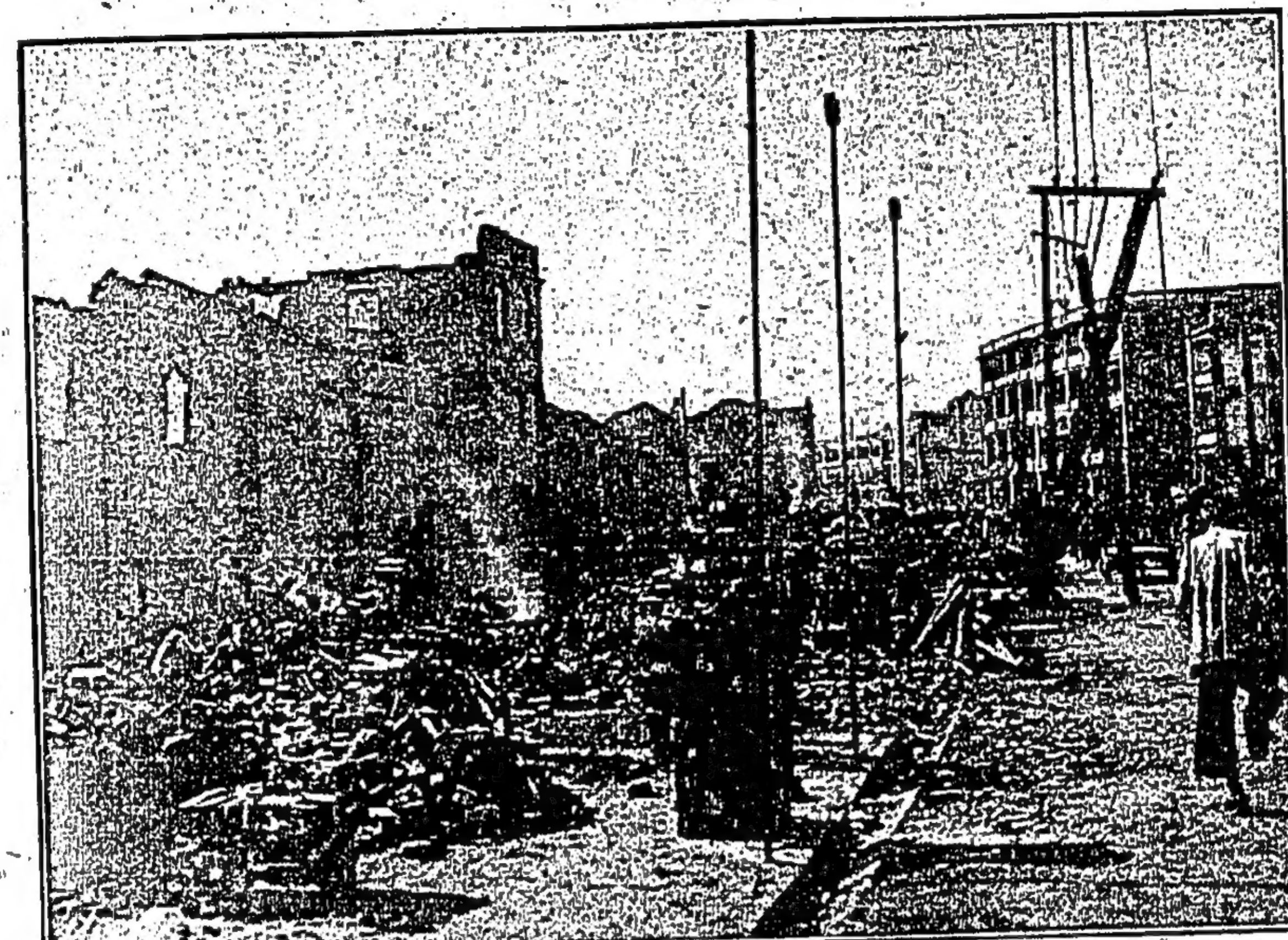
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Paris.—A curious quarrel is agitating the cathedral town of Montpellier. The Bishop recently dismissed a sexton of the cathedral because his own chauffeur and the daughter of the sexton wished to get married. The sexton has refused to go, and has brought an action for wrongful dismissal and damages against the Bishop. The Bishop has asked the Courts to issue an expulsion order against the sexton, and has now obtained the order, but it cannot be put in force until January, and by that time the action for damages will have been heard.

Budapest, November 1.—An echo of the morality campaign is heard in the present debate in Parliament over the Minister of Welfare's motion to prohibit the sale of alcohol to men under the age of twenty-one. It is also suggested that minors shall not be permitted to consume alcoholic drinks in public, even in the company of their parents. It is stated that in the grape-growing districts children habitually drink wine and adversely affect their mental development. The motion is arousing much antagonism among vineyard-owners and wine-sellers.

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## "RED" DESTRUCTION IN CANTON.



The above two photographs give further vivid impressions of the damage caused to property during the recent reign of terror in Canton. (Photos: Mee Cheung).

## THREE NANKING CAMPAIGNS.

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into the 38th Nationalist Army of Nanking) has issued a proclamation informing the people of the province of the exact nature of the situation. He has exposed the uncompromising attitude of the two Generals and the work of having already wrought by the troops of the neighbouring provinces (Kweichow and Szechuen) who have invaded Yunnan at their instigation. In conclusion, General Long Yun declared in the mandate that he would fight to the death against the rebels in order to bring about the liberation of the province from this form of militarism.

The city of Yunnan-fu and its environs, as well as the railway belt between the capital and the border of Tonkin, are perfectly tranquil. In addition to the military activities of the two dissident Generals, small bands of robbers continue to infest different parts of the province. At Lunan, south of Yi Lung, they forced the peasants to furnish money and provisions, but were later driven back to Lo Ping by the armed peasant and village guards. The districts of Mow Ting and Kwong-tong, to the north-west of Yunnan-fu, have been equally troubled by bands of looters and have appealed for assistance from the Government.

Elsewhere, at Lu-Sze, to the east of the Province, other bandit hordes have laid siege, and have killed a number of police who attempted to defend the place. They then gave themselves over to all kinds of excesses, not hesitating to shoot down the peasants without any reason.

The Government has purchased a large quantity of silver, with a view to the minting of a new currency.—Indo-Pacific.

## GENERAL SITUATION.

## The Strike Movement.

London, Dec. 20.

According to advices from China, the general strike which was timed to take place in Shanghai on December 19th has not taken place, and the general situation remains unchanged. The failure of the Communists to bring about the stoppage may not be altogether unconnected with the issue of a proclamation on Decem-

## AFTER NEARLY 16 YEARS' SILENCE.

## SUSPECTED VICTIM OF "TITANIC" DISASTER.

London, Dec. 2.

One of the supposed victims among the 1,500 odd persons who were drowned when the "Titanic" sank in the North Atlantic in April, 1912, after striking an iceberg on her maiden voyage to America has re-appeared, after nearly 16 years' silence.

The person in question is Mrs. E. Robertson, who has just visited her home in Coalville, Leicestershire.

Her explanation is that she cancelled her booked passage to America on the ill-fated vessel at the last moment. She says that she did war work and was captured by the Germans, but would not give any details of her later movements. Mrs. Robertson visited Coalville to see her mother, whose shock at seeing her was only mitigated by the fact that a reporter had called on her on the previous day to say that he had met her daughter.

Mrs. Robertson stayed at Coalville for two nights, then left, giving no indications of her future movements.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. G. F. Hole, Hon Ngau-shai, an unlicensed hawk of Tai Kok Tsui, was charged with boarding s.s. Linan without permission, at the instance of Mr. Duncanson, second officer of that ship. Pleading guilty, the accused was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, the sentence to run consecutively to that inflicted at the Kowloon Court on a charge of assault. This case is reported elsewhere.

ber-16th by the Labour Department of the Kuomintang ordering all operatives then on strike to resume work forthwith and prohibiting others from going on strike, under pain of punishment.

Strikes at Wuhu and Kiukiang have also been settled, but conditions have apparently not sufficiently improved at Wuhu to allow the local Commissioner of Customs to dispense with the protection of British gunboats.—British Wireless.

## CANTON MILITARY SITUATION.

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the meantime, Pei's second-in-command, General Chung Ting-fan, is remaining in Shanghai.—Naval Wireless.

## NANKING NAVY.

Craft Coming South.

Nanking, Dec. 15.

The Nationalist Government is planning to despatch a portion of the Revolutionary naval forces under Admiral Yang Shu-chwang to the South for assisting in the suppression of the Communist uprising there.—Kuo Wen.

## WHAMPOA CADETS.

Many Reach Shanghai.

A large number of cadets from Whampoa military Academy, the institution which was in charge of Russians in the early days of the Cantonese adventure, have arrived in Shanghai as refugees.

Expelled by General Chang Fat-kwai, the leader who captured the city from General Li Chai-sum and in turn lost it to the Communists, 250 cadets arrived at Shanghai on three steamers on December 10, 11 and 13. After staying a short time they went to Hangchow.

## EDITOR IN GAOL.

COMIC OPERA OF A VIENNA PAPER.

Vienna, Nov. 9.

A Vienna journalist, Alexander Weiss, was recently sentenced to several months' imprisonment. Now the Opposition allege that, though in prison, he still enjoys great advantages for his political activities. The "Arbeiterzeitung" states that Weiss receives the whole staff of his paper, holds editorial conference with them, and, in fact, arranges each issue of the journal before it goes to press. During the first days of his imprisonment four of his staff editors made their appearance and stayed with him for two hours.

It is further reported that, in civilian dress, he is allowed to visit his dentist three times a week, having refused to be treated at the prison hospital. On those occasions the prisoner uses an automobile. The above-mentioned journal declares that he avails himself of these visits to his dentist for holding further editorial conferences; and the paper vigorously protests against a state of things reminiscent of comic opera.

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